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Hope Otter Rotters scheme will return

THE Otter Rotters recycling collection scheme continues to be on hold after a meeting with MPs failed to produce an immediate solution – but there is hope for the scheme.

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The constructive meeting, which saw East Devon MP Sir Hugo Swire, Honiton and Tiverton MP Neil Parish and East Devon District Councillor and Environment cabinet member Iain Chubb listen to the concerns of the group, ended with Neil Parish saying he will attempt to tackle some of the Environment Agency red tape that is currently restricting the group.

The politicians listened to the concerns of the group and members of the public, and agreed that Otter Rotters was far more than just a recycling group, after hearing about the work they do with providing opportunities to disadvantaged groups and individuals.

Otter Rotters is currently struggling to operate after Devon County Council proposed to reduce the amount paid per tonne to community recycling groups by half.

Devon County Council backtracked on the proposal and said that the cost cutting measures will now take place over three years instead, hoping to lessen the blow on recycling groups.

Otter Rotters director Mandy Jennings said: "Otter Rotters met with East Devon MPs Neil

Parish and Sir Hugo Swire and we are awaiting an update from them.

"We hope to make progress with the difficulties surrounding a recent decision by Devon County Council to cut Recycling Credit rates to community composters in Devon (despite there being no change to the income formula to the DCC waste budget going forwards).

"A kerbside collection has a number of operating costs including significant fees that are set by government agencies and therefore we have asked the MPs to review the whole picture in an effort to restore a balanced approach to community organisations."

Otter Rotters have said they hope to be providing a kerbside collection soon, with one member, Dean Mallon, saying he was itching to get back and provide a service to the people of East Devon.

Dean told the MPs: "I'd be out there now if we could, providing the service that people really appreciate.

"We are far more than just a recycling group. Otter Rotters has such a large social aspect to it which is very underrated.

"If we know an older resident has recently suffered a loss or has been experiencing problems, we are more than happy to have a chat with them and help them in any way we can.



■ OTTER Rotters, with members of the public and MPs Sir Hugo Swire and Neil Parish, following a meeting between the groups at the Beehive

Too few candidates for West Hill election

WEST Hill has failed to produce enough candidates to hold an election for its newly formed council, with only five people coming forward to fill the seven places.

West Hill residents have been battling for a split from Ottery St Mary Town Council for several years and East Devon District Council granted them permission in 2016.

As of April 1st, West Hill became a separate parish to Ottery St Mary, and asked villagers to put their names forward to represent their fellow residents on the council. Unfortunately, the election was uncontested as only five residents put their names forward.

Jessica Bailey, Alan Cook, Christopher Hall, Margaret Hall and Jo Talbot are the residents that will form West Hill's first ever council.

Councillors Bailey, Christopher Hall and Talbot all represented West Hill on the parish council.

Margaret Hall, who had been the chair of the campaign for West Hill's own parish council, said: "We are excited that at long last West Hill has its own parish council.

"We had hoped to have a fully democratic election, but we are confident that more people will come forward to fill the vacancies.

"The new council's priorities will be to protect and enhance our lovely village – we want to avoid inappropriate development, enhance the walking routes around the village, improve road safety, and look after our trees and hedge banks.

"We want to support our village clubs and organisations which are so important to our community."

A resident in West Hill, who wished not to be named, said they felt that the lack of candidates who put their names forward, shows that a lot of the village didn't want or care about a parish council.

The resident added: "At one point the campaign group said that 60 per cent of the village wanted the split from Ottery Town Council, but that was 60 per cent of the people who responded to the consultation, which worked out at just over 10 per cent of the actual population."

The two vacancies for the town council will be filled through co-option.

The first meeting of the new council will be on Tuesday, May 16th at 7.30pm in West Hill Village Hall.

Details about the new council can be found on www.westhillparishcouncilcampaign.org which is being kept live until the parish council has its own website, or on the noticeboard outside McColl's.

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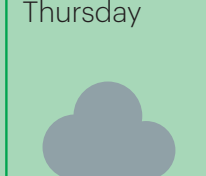
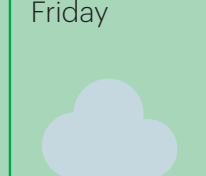

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East Devon & South Somerset

Be prepared! Doctors' advice ahead of the Easter break

DOCTORS in Devon and Somerset are urging residents to consider their options over the coming Easter Weekend, as most surgeries will be closed over the holiday.

Most GP surgeries will be closed from Good Friday (April 14th) until Tuesday, April 18th.

But there is still a wide range of different NHS services available which provide fast and effective advice and treatment.

Dr Simon Kerr, a GP in Ottery St Mary and chairman of the Northern locality NHS NEW Devon CCG said: "Getting out and about and catching up with jobs in the house and garden over the Easter break are what lots of us enjoy."

"But accidents happen and it makes sense to plan ahead, so if we need treatment or advice when the GP surgery is closed, we know where to go."

"If it's a life-threatening emergency, dial 999 or go to A&E. But A&E is for the most serious cases, and we need the doctors there to be free to deal with those."

"Request your repeat prescription in plenty of time - Tuesday (today) is the final date to put your order in at most surgeries. And have a look through your medicine cabinet to make sure you have the basics to deal with minor ailments."

Dr Ed Ford, Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group's chairman, said: "Remember, you can help yourself and the NHS when you get the right treatment for your level of illness or injury."

"If you only have a minor illness or ailments then visit your local pharmacist. They can help with expert advice and over-the-counter remedies."

"If you need urgent medical advice but it is not a life threatening emergency, then telephone NHS 111. Their call handlers can tell you anything from where to find an emergency dentist to getting you an out-of-hours doctor."

EASTER DEADLINE

■ Would all advertisers please be aware that the deadline for copy to be included in next Tuesday's edition (April 18th) is 10am on Thursday, April 13th, due to the Easter break - thank you

Devon Tories go against own policy on schools' funding

DEVON Conservatives have launched a petition against their own Government, calling on them to properly fund the county's schools.

East Devon MP Hugo Swire has signed the petition and has been vocal in his opposition of cuts that are being proposed across schools in the area.

The petition reads: "Each pupil in Devon received £290 less than the national average. Conservatives in Devon believe this is not right."

"The current/recent Government consultation is flawed and does not improve the situation."

"We therefore call on Government to increase the funding for the young people of Devon."

"We would ask you to support our petition for increased funding for the young people of Devon."

The petition can be found at <http://bit.ly/2o9gEAG>

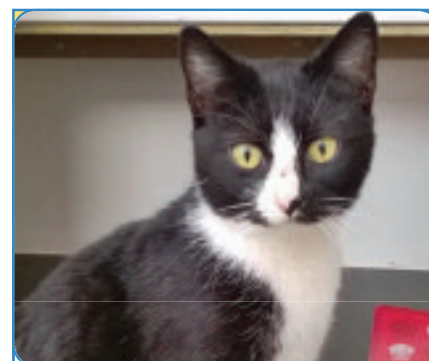
Schools across East Devon are set to see massive reductions in funding, after the Government launched their Fairer Funding Formula.

Honiton Community College Principal Glenn Smith described the cuts as "destroying our children's future," adding that the Government was "decimating our education system".

Schools from across East Devon have spoken out against the cuts, as a majority will be affected by the new Government initiative.

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Extra money for South West roads

DEVON and Somerset county councils will be able to bid for a share of £490 million of government funding to improve their roads.

The funding, which will be for schemes across England from 2018 to 2020, is designed to tackle congestion and provide upgrades to local roads to improve journey times.

Bids are encouraged for a wide variety of schemes which will cut congestion, including making use of technology and by opening up the data held by local councils.

The pot of money is from the National Productivity Investment Fund, which is providing £1.3billion to enhance transport links to boost growth.

Transport Minister Andrew Jones said: "We are investing record amounts on our roads – spending more than £23billion on providing better journeys for motorists.

"We are also committing a further £1.3billion up to 2020 to cut congestion and provide important upgrades to ensure our roads are fit for the future.

"This money will allow councils to go even further to improve their roads and will be targeted at areas which need it most, providing a significant boost to the UK's economy."

Highways England is also spending £220million on congestion relief schemes at identified traffic hotspots; this is providing £32million for pinch point projects in the South West.

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Arada launches new stoves that meet European Union 'Ecodesign' standards – five years ahead of schedule

STOVE manufacturer Arada has launched its new 'Ecodesign Ready' range – with a pledge to support plans to improve air quality in the UK.

MP Neil Parish visited the company's Axminster base last Friday (April 7th) to be part of the launch.

Ecodesign is an EU-wide programme to lower emissions, with the legislation due to

come into force in 2022.

Meeting these standards is crucial to continue selling to other EU countries after the UK has left the union; which it is anticipated it will have done by the time the legislation comes into force.

However, UK manufacturers have worked together and funded extra research,

testing and technology to ensure their products meet the new laws way ahead of schedule.

The new Farringdon range of stoves was launched last Friday, which represents this new era of low emissions stoves.

The range is described as "one of the cleanest burning stoves available on the UK market," and

will reach retailer showrooms this summer.

Arada Managing Director Mark Brettell commented: "It is great to have Neil's support for our industry and supporting initiatives such as the SIA Ecodesign ready scheme to help demonstrate to government how new cleaner burning stoves are a real contribution to

cleaner air in the UK.

"Wood burning stoves have gained enormous popularity and, at times, are unjustly being blamed for pollution and particulate emissions, especially in our cities.

"We have spent an enormous amount of time and money in developing our stoves to be clean burning and to ensure that their design and state of

the art technology is at its very best.

"Consumers can be sure that investing in an Arada low emissions stove will be a key investment for the future – helping to reduce pollution and

continue to reduce CO levels, whilst purchasing an appliance truly built in Britain."

Mr Parish, who owns both an older and a newer wood-burning stove, said:

"You have done a really good job getting down the emissions.

"You get more heat out of the same amount of wood.

"It is amazing, the heat they now throw out."



ARADA MD Mark Brettell, MP Neil Parish and Arada sales director Jon Butterworth at the launch in Axminster last Friday

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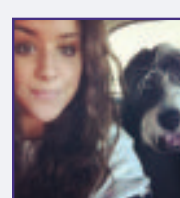
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Chamber of Commerce dinner raises more than £900 for projects



■ CHAMBER of Commerce members packed the Mackarness Hall to raise funds to promote the town

ONE hundred and twenty-three people recently attended a dinner at the Mackarness Hall to raise money for future projects for the Chamber of Commerce.

Josh McDonald-Johnson, of Pickle Shack fame, provided an enjoyable three course dinner and a great time was had by all.

A Honiton Chamber of Commerce spokesperson said: "The food was exceptional, as you would expect from someone who has worked alongside double Michelin-starred chefs."

More than £900 was raised for one of the many projects that will help to promote and develop Honiton as a retail and business destination of choice. The money was raised through a combination of ticket sales and the well supported raffle. At the end of the evening, two tickets for lunch at the Deer Park Hotel were

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auctioned and raised £55.

The chamber would like to thank all the local businesses who donated prizes for the raffle: Porkies Butchers, The Fishmonger, Honiton Sports Shop, Beauchamp Place, House of Hair, Lace Makers Café, Boots the Chemist, Country Lines, Dalzells, Dilly's Florist, A Dimond and Co, Ford Simey Solicitors, French Hen, JKS Carpets, Leeson's, Tesco, Wine World and WH Smith.

The spokesperson added: "As everyone had such an enjoyable evening, the chamber is looking at the possibility of holding another Pickle Shack event in the next 12 months. Watch this space!"

Scouts camp

■ SCOUTS from Honiton recently took part in a Mad March Camp in Awliscombe.

The scouts set up the tents before an action-packed evening in which they made a fire, went on a hike, had supper and eventually got into their tents around midnight.

Scout Leader Helen Turner said: "The highlight of the hike was that when we got to the top of the hill we were lucky enough to watch a big firework display that was going on in Honiton. The youngsters also enjoyed doing a scavenger hunt the next morning followed by making more fires and making delicious campfire treats."



Silver Band Disney Night



OTTERY St Mary Silver Band will be recreating the magic of Disney in a special concert at the end of April.

The concert will take place on April 29th at 7.30pm at The Institute, and will see the talented band take on songs from Disney's most well known films, including *Beauty and the Beast*, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*,

Fantasia and *The Lion King*.

Musical director, Andrew Harris, will be abandoning his conductor's baton part-way through the evening to return to his roots as a bass player and feature as the soloist in *The Jungle Book* classic 'The Bare Necessities'.

The Ottery Brass Class (the training band for less experienced players, regardless of

age) will also be performing musical numbers from the whole Disney era.

Tickets, to include refreshments, are £6 for adults and free for under 16s.

Tickets are available from Ross on 01404 813222 and the Ottery branch of Gilbert Stephens.

Any unsold tickets will also be available on the door.

Candidates for county council elections announced

THE candidates have been announced for the forthcoming Devon County Council elections.

Following changes to division boundaries in East Devon, *Pulman's Country* will now be split into six areas: Axminster, Seaton & Colyton, Feniton & Honiton, Otter Valley, Sidmouth and Whimble & Blackdown.

The Honiton St Michael's, Honiton St Paul's, Ottery Rural, Seaton Coastal and Sidmouth Sidford electoral divisions have been abolished and subsequently incorporated into the six divisions above.

Devon County Council stalwarts Paul Diviani and Andrew Moulding are not standing for re-election this year.

The East Devon Alliance which took many by surprise by picking up seats at the East Devon District Council election in 2015 have put forward three candidates for the county elections in Sidmouth, Seaton & Colyton and Axminster.

Visit <http://bit.ly/2oN0FGO> to see the new division boundaries and to check if you are affected by the changes.

The election will be held on May 4th, and the deadline to register to vote is Thursday, April 13th.

The candidates are:

● **Axminster:** Bill Foster (Liberal Democrats), Ian Hall (Conservative), Paul Hayward (Independent East Devon Alliance) and Jeremy Walden (Labour Party);

● **Feniton and Honiton:** Andrew Blackwell (Labour), David Cox (Liberal Democrats), Graham Smith (UKIP) and Phil Twiss (Conservative);

● **Otter Valley:** George Downs (Labour Party), Tim Venner (Conservative) and Claire Wright (Independent);

(Liberal Democrats), Jim Knight (Independent), Ian Martin (Labour), Helen Parr (Conservative) and Martin Shaw (Independent East Devon Alliance);

● **Sidmouth:** Jeannie Alderdice (Green), Ray Davison (Labour), Stuart Hughes (Conservative), Lewis Ragbourn (Liberal Democrats), Marianne Rixson (Independent East Devon Alliance) and Richard Wright (UKIP);

● **Whimble and Blackdown** (including Chardstock, Tytherleigh, Membury, Stockland, Dalwood, Kilmington, Monkton, Upottery and Duneswell): Iain Chubb (Conservative), Steve Greenway (Labour) and Jules Hoyles (Liberal Democrats).

Pedallers in France

MORE than 20 members of Axe Valley Pedallers (AVP) recently swapped the usual crisscrossing of the Devon, Dorset and Somerset borders for a whistlestop trip to France.

A group of 21 handed helmets, switched handlebars to left hand drive and crossed the Channel in search of the good life, on the club's annual French Foray.

The weather was breezy and sunny as the group disembarked in Brittany for a day's cycling around Roscoff and Morlaix, following a pre-planned route along a mixture of minor roads and off-road cycle paths through the beautiful Breton countryside.

Coffee was arranged in Saint-Pol-de-Leon and lunch was taken at the marketplace in Morlaix.

From there, the group turned north along the widening estuary of the River Penze, battling against an increasing headwind as they approached the coast.

There was just time for a short look around Roscoff before re-boarding the ferry for an overnight return to Plymouth.

AVP chairman, Jonathan Read-Bone, said: "The annual AVP ride to France has become something of a club institution and is always superbly organised by our avid team of French Forayers."

"It's great that our efforts to bring the benefits of cycling to all riders really know no borders."

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New footpath linking Millwey Rise to Weycroft opens

A FOOTPATH between Millwey Rise and Weycroft has been completed and officially opened. The initiative is a joint venture between All

Saints Parish Council and Axminster Town Council as a Towns and Parishes Together Fund Project (using money given to each

parish from Devon County Council and East Devon District Council).

The path runs from the entrance of the football club on Chard Road to the start of the cyclepath by Weycroft Bridge

Axminster town clerk Hilary Kirkcaldie said: "Residents wanted a safe pedestrian route between Weycroft and Millwey Rise rather than having to dice with death by walking along the busy main road.

The path is a permissive one, which means that the owner, in this case Nigel Burton, has given the public permission to use it.

But the permission can be withdrawn at any time as it is not a public right of way.

Funding has also been provided by Axminster Town Council's Community Benefit Fund.

Devon County Council chairman Andrew Moulding declared the path open and said: "I am delighted that partnership funding has enabled the construction of this important path, which now provides a circular route for pedestrians, runners and dog-walkers.

"I must thank the Burton family for making the land available; the Burrough family, who are the tenant farmers; architectural surveyor Andrew Wilkinson; Public Rights of Way Officers Ros Mills and Emma Helliier; contractor Chris Drake; and town clerk Hilary Kirkcaldie for her hard work in bringing the project together.

"I'm sure this path will be greatly appreciated by the local community."

Parishes Together Fund chairman Tom Wright said: "The Parishes Together Fund was very pleased to give £5,635 to support this much-needed footpath to

■ **KIND:** Mr Burton owns the land

greatly improve public safety.

"Well done to all those that have put time and effort into making it happen."



■ **DEVON** County Council chairman Andrew Moulding declares the new path open

Free blood pressure tests

THE Rotary Club of Axminster and the Stroke Association are again joining forces to set up a blood pressure test station in the town.

Members of the public are invited to have a free blood pressure test this month.

Fully trained health care personnel will be at hand to offer advice and support on Thursday, April 20th between 9am and 1pm in The Minster Church, Axminster.

Peter Creek, club president-elect, said: "Rotary is proud to work with the Stroke Association delivering blood pressure checking events throughout April and the rest of the year.

"Stroke strikes every five minutes in the UK, but with events like these, we hope to change this.

"A blood pressure test is quick, painless and completely confidential – it could save your life."



■ **Dr Barry McKenna**

structure and referrals are made through Axminster Medical Practice. All ARC counsellors and therapists are on the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy register.

More information and a sponsorship link are available online at

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/BarryMcKennaRace9>

Donations can also be made in the ARC shop in Chard Street and in the medical practice reception.



■ **KIND:** Mr Burton owns the land

Ninth canoe marathon for GP

AXMINSTER GP and ARC chairman Dr Barry McKenna is set for another eventful and challenging Easter on the Thames.

Dr McKenna is well-known in the town for his annual participation, with paddling partner Gary Wakley, in the Devizes to Westminster (DW) International Canoe Marathon.

ARC, a charitable counselling service supporting people seeking emotional help, celebrates its 10th birthday this year.

This will be the ninth consecutive year Dr McKenna takes part in the canoe Marathon to raise money for ARC.

He said: "In 2017 the race is dedicated to the incredible team of all the clinicians, associates, colleagues, executive trustees, volunteers and supporters who have helped make ARC so special to so many of the local residents.

"Nine consecutive races, ten consecutive ARC years of practice.

"I am equally proud of

both these achievements."

The race, known on the circuit as DW, has been held annually during Easter weekend since 1948, and has 77 portages (where vessels are carried around an obstacle in water or overland between waterways) along its 125 miles.

The first 50 miles or so are along the Kennet and Avon Canal to Reading, the rest on the River Thames.

Team McKenna/Wakley set a personal best last year, crossing the finishing line after 21 hours and 37 minutes.

Although being almost ten years older since their first race, they hope to set another personal best.

Dr McKenna said: "In endurance racing you tend to age well.

"There will be a tail-off at some point, but at the moment we still have scope for improvement."

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Mass of the Lord's Supper

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Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

Seaton Baptist Church
Seaton Primary School,
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All Age Easter Celebration – everyone welcome!

Seaton Methodist Church
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American author donates books to local library

AN American author has donated three of her books to Axminster Library, saying the town's name has "a striking, almost fearsome taste to it".

Christina E Pilz, who specialises in historical fiction, has written a series of books imagining the travels of Oliver Twist and Artful Dodger through the Westcountry after fleeing London, with much of the action set in Axminster and Lyme Regis.

The Colorado-based author's donation happened after social media conversations with Axminster mayor Cllr Paul Hayward.

A keen user of social media, Mr Hayward said: "Over Christmas last year I got chatting on Twitter with an American author who had written a series of fictional books.

"We got chatting about her love of Devon and she very kindly agreed to donate books one to three to Axminster Library for local residents to read; especially relevant as one of the books is all about the former workhouse in Boxfield Road.

"Sarah Jones at the library has been fabulous and has put together a wonderful display to promote the books."

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Pulman's Weekly News contacted Ms Pilz, asking why she chose Axminster, and if she visited the town.

She replied: "I did visit Lyme Regis but, sadly, not Axminster."

"When I began working on *Fagin's Boy*, the first book in my Oliver & Jack series, I knew that, at some point, Oliver was going to have to revisit his past by going back into a workhouse.

"It seemed crucial to me that, by trial by fire, he would start breaking away from his fearfulness about workhouses and from his own shame.

"Since in book two Oliver and Jack go to Lyme Regis, I thought that this point in the story, early on in their relationship, would be a good time for that trial by fire. "As I planned book three, I looked at the map of Dorset and Devon, and laid out my criteria.

"I needed a location that was close to Lyme Regis (walking distance) and had a workhouse of a certain type that anybody would instantly recognise as being a workhouse and that felt right to me.

"I had my eyes on Charmouth, which has a great deal of historical information online but, alas, it had no workhouse.

"Then I spied the town of Axminster and found that it had the perfect layout, the River Axe, and also, a square plan workhouse.

"Not to mention that the very name of the town had a striking, almost fearsome taste to it."

Speaking about the series as a whole, she said: "This book, of all the books in the Oliver & Jack series, were written from my heart; I have always felt that Oliver had trauma and issues about workhouses, and deserved to be able to work through them."

And there is more Axminster action to come. Ms Pilz explained: "In book six, which I'm

currently working on, Oliver returns to Axminster and stays at the George Hotel, which has been fun to research.

"The town as a whole will be redeemed for having such a terrible workhouse in its midst.

"I was flattered and honoured when Paul Hayward reached out to me about my book, and to see the interest that the library had."

Library supervisor Sarah Jones commented: "It is lovely that the further imagined adventures of Oliver Twist are now on the shelves at our library since the grim Victorian Axminster workhouse features largely in one of the trilogy."

"We are very grateful to Christina for her kind donation."



■ **CHRISTINA E PILZ** says the action will return to Axminster



■ **MAYOR Cllr Paul Hayward and Matthew Brown** of Axminster Library promoting the books

Vets give to skatepark fund

COOMBEFIELD Veterinary Hospital in Axminster has donated £100 to "a very good cause", Axminster Skatepark.

The latter is a charity which has just received planning permission for a £250,000 expansion and revamp of the current skatepark at Cloakham Lawn Sports Centre.

A massive effort is needed to find the money required, and Axminster Skatepark member Eve Chubb said the Coombefield donation will help to run a forthcoming fundraiser, the Free Soul Slow Burner festival.

Coombefield partner JJ Van Dijk said: "We are always happy to support local causes, and this is a very good cause."

The festival will be held on Saturday, April 22nd at Cranberries in Kilminster and organisers promise activities for both young and old and music from The Undercover Hippy, Papa Le Gál, The People's String Foundation, Mischa & His Merry Men, Mr Jean and more.

Shuttle buses will operate from Trinity Square in Axminster to the festival venue.

Tytherleigh Bathrooms have also donated £100, and festival organisers are grateful to Lyme Bay Winery for raffle prize donations.

■ **ALL SMILES:** Eve Chubb receives the cheque from JJ Van Dijk



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Residents urged to use local minor injuries unit

A HOSPITAL consultant has urged Honiton residents to use their local Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) wherever possible rather than add to the pressure on the RDE's Emergency (A&E) Department.

At a public meeting organised by Honiton Senior Voice, Dr Adam Reuben, a Consultant and Clinical Lead for Honiton Minor Injuries Unit said it was very important to keep the unit in Honiton and 'offset the load at Exeter which is under a lot of pressure.'

Dr Reuben said: 'Our MIU at Honiton hospital is fully staffed and is open for 14 hours a day from 8am - 10pm, seven days a week. Some patients do not seem to know this and are travelling to Exeter where they may have to wait several hours for a minor injury or treatment. Some may have difficulty finding transport home to Honiton later in the evening.'

"In Honiton our skilled staff can usually see patients within 20 minutes. At present we see between 25 to 30 patients a day but we have the capacity to see up to double this. One of the



■ HONITON Senior Voice members also showed their support to the Red Line Day that took place recently, in protest against hospital services being slashed in Devon

limiting factors is that we have limited access to X-ray facilities, about nine hours a week. But many patients do not need an X-ray and for others we can sometimes make arrangements to return when our facility is staffed. We would very much like to have more X-ray facilities if we can get funding. We cannot deal with all emergencies at Honiton but we are convinced there are many more patients we can treat and offset some of the load on RD&E Hospital."

Chair of Honiton Senior Voice June

Brown thanked Dr Reuben for his very positive talk: "When we have worries about losing our medical beds at Honiton Hospital it is so good to hear such a positive encouragement for the work of our Minor Injuries Unit and their terrific staff. We are lucky to have this unit and I urge everyone to inform their family and friends to make use of the unit should the need arise. We do hope it is not a case of 'use it or lose it' so let the message go out from this meeting to our community to support our local MIU."

Honiton Annual Town Meeting

THE Honiton Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18th at 7pm at the Beehive, Dowell Street.

This is a meeting of the electors of Honiton and all residents are invited to attend. The meeting provides an opportunity for any town matters to be raised and discussed in open forum.

The town mayor and chairpersons of the town council's main committees will also give reports at the meeting and members of

the town council will be available to answer any questions on issues facing the town.

It is hoped that as many electors and residents as possible will take this opportunity to raise matters which are important to them and to the future of Honiton.

Refreshments will be available from 6.30pm.

For further information please contact the council on 01404 42957 or by email on town_council@honiton.gov.uk

Tesco 'Bags of Help' campaign

COMMUNITY projects in Honiton could receive a cash injection thanks to Tesco's Bags of Help initiative.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch the monthly roll-out of its funding scheme, which sees grants of up to £4,000 - all raised from the 5p bag levy - being awarded to local community projects.

Tesco's Bags of Help project has already delivered more than £28 million to more than 4,000 projects up and down the UK and the supermarket is now calling on community groups in Honiton to put themselves forward for a grant.

Three groups in each local area will be awarded grants every other month. Tesco customers will have the chance to vote with a token given to them at the check-out every time they shop.

Lindsey Crompton, Head of Community at Tesco, said:

"The money raised from our customers buying bags is making a big

difference to local communities across the country. Thanks to Bags of Help, millions has been invested so far on local projects like parks, sports facilities, school playgrounds and community gardens - projects that have all been chosen by our customers."

Graham Duxbury, national CEO at Groundwork, said:

"It's great to see the positive difference that Bags of Help is making to communities across the UK and we are delighted to be involved in supporting thousands of local people make their mark in their community. The scale and variety of activities supported by Bags of Helps shows what can be achieved when communities are given the support and the encouragement they need to make change happen in their local area."

Community groups and charities can apply for funding and Tesco customers and colleagues can nominate projects they'd like to see receive some cash.

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Mob rule talk at library

THE Friends of Honiton Library will be presenting a talk by Dr Todd Gray MBE at Honiton Library on Wednesday, April 12th at 7pm. The subject is "Rough Justice and Public Ridicule (or mob rule in Devon)."

Tickets are £2 each, available from Honiton Library. Refreshments are included.

Sports shop is Pride of Honiton

■ THE Pride of Honiton 2017 award has been given to Honiton Sports, for their outstanding customer service.

Chairman of Honiton Chamber of Commerce Tony McCollum presented the award to Honiton Sports owner Paul Newman.



Food festival poster competition winner

THE winner of the Ottery St Mary Food and Families Festival poster competition has been announced.

Following stiff competition amongst Year 8s at The King's School, the winner was announced as Flo Somers.

Students were given a brief of work influenced by 18th century Japanese artist Hokusai and around 200 students took part.

The judges were really impressed with Flo's design and the vibrancy of the colours.

Festival director, Ruud Jansen Venneboer

said: "Working together each year with The King's School on this is just one of the hugely enjoyable things that makes this festival a true community



■ FLO Somers with her design

event.

"And each year, the posters look simply stunning! Well done to all the students who took part."

This year's festival takes place on Saturday, June 3rd 2017.

Pottery film premiere

A NEW film which describes the history of the pottery scene in Honiton will be shown at a special premiere at the start of May.

"Honiton & Crown Dorset Art Potteries" includes archive material with commentary from five experts, and reminiscences from two owners of Honiton Pottery and three of the skilled employees demonstrating throwing and hand-painting.

The event will take place on Sunday, May 7th at Offwell Village Hall

Visitors are welcome to attend all or part of the day. Doors open at 10.40am, where there will be displays, archive material and opportunities for buying and selling.

Just after 11am there will be a talk about Linda Marks who worked at Honiton Pottery from 1930 to 1961.

Tea and coffee will be available. Bring sandwiches for lunch or go out to eat. For more information visit the website www.hpcsoc.com or contact hpcsoc@hotmail.co.uk

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Supporting young people on the path to better mental health

A new column by KERRY CABLE from the peer support network for young people with mental health issues, based in Axminster and Chard



THE Project is a peer support network that has been set up to support young people aged from 13 to 24 with mental health issues, and their parents and carers.

Based in Axminster and Chard, this is a free service open to young people and their parents and carers from across East Devon, South Somerset and West Dorset.

Kerry Cable is a qualified psychotherapist and mental health support worker for The Project, and will write a monthly column for this paper.

In addition to providing ongoing support for their young clients, Kerry processes referrals, creates workshops and delivers them in schools across Devon and Somerset.

She is committed to raising awareness and eliminating the stigma surrounding mental health issues.

ARE screens stunting our development? During a tidying session last week, I came across some old journals from my school days. Wanting to do anything but finish my spring clean, I made the ill advised decision to read them. I'm still recovering from the cringing.

There were pages upon pages of self reflection and painstaking analysis of the ups and downs of my teenage relationships.

I wondered, in the current age of social media and mobile phones, would I still have made time to process my thoughts and feelings in this way?

The incredible technology of mobile phones, tablets and the virtual world

they contain have received some negative press in recent years – from the damaging of our brains to our driving abilities – and now experts are coming to some fairly definitive conclusions around their effect on our mental health.

In a recent viral video regarding 'millennials' (people born after 1984), Simon Sinek spoke about the dangers of technology addiction and how they are stunting our personal relationships and self development.

When we get a text or notification it triggers a release of the happy chemical dopamine.

This is the same, highly addictive, chemical that appears in our brain when taking cocaine, alcohol and nicotine – not to mention, gambling or gaming.

This little dose of happiness can serve as a boost to us when we feel anxious or uncomfortable.

If you are in public, take a look at the people around you. I would hazard a guess that a large percentage are currently exercising their 'scrolling thumbs'.

So often I am approached by parents for advice on how they can get their son or daughter to put down their 'screens' and embark on some real life, human interaction.

This is a tricky question to answer because I can see why the screen takes preference over the complicated nuances of human communication. It's hard work!

Especially when you are only just beginning the process of getting to know

yourself.

If you also add that the adolescent brain is highly sensitive to the effects of dopamine, you have the perfect conditions for a compulsive habit that can extend far into adult life.

It does seem odd that we have a very fixed view of age limits for other highly addictive substances, but babies as young as two are already able to use an iPad.

This information just doesn't seem to be communicated to parents, so how could they be expected to know any different? It requires a societal shift in thinking.

I have heard some say that technology should be taken away from children and young people until they are an adult.

This feels unrealistic to me and means that they won't have the opportunity to benefit from all of the educational elements it provides. Plus, it's really fun!

As with most things, experts suggest that the key to a harmonious relationship with our tech is balance.

Whether it is limiting screen time, banning phones from the dinner table or the 'No Tech November' they enforce on the children of a community in North Carolina – there are things we can all do to protect ourselves from the effects of technology addiction.

Thinking back to my journals, I wonder if it is any coincidence that I stopped writing in them at the same age as I had my first mobile phone?

Perhaps there would have been even more skin-crawlingly awkward pages of teenage angst to read...



Defibrillator installed at All Saints

■ Parish Clerk Paul Hayward, Cllrs Jacqui Hubbard and Tony Nixon, Chairman Cllr Alistair Forbes, Cllr Doreen Bale and Vice-Chairman Cllr Robert Speed

A JOINT project between All Saints Parish Council and Devon County Council has seen a defibrillator installed outside All Saints Village Hall, together with new lighting to make sure that it can be located quickly in case of need.

Chairman of the council, Cllr Alistair Forbes, said: "I am delighted to support this wonderful initiative which used both Locality Funding and parish council reserves to purchase

and install the unit, and also to pay for additional first aid training courses so that everyone can be a potential life-saver."

The unit is locked at all times but the access code can be obtained by calling 999, who will then assist the caller in locating and accessing the unit and co-ordinating the attendance of paramedics and other first response personnel.

All Saints Parish Council is also spearheading another pro-

ject in conjunction with Chardstock Parish Council, Axminster Town Council, East Devon District Council, Devon County Council and the South Western Ambulance Service to purchase and install another four defibrillators in and around Axminster and Chardstock, providing a chain of defibrillators along the A358 corridor.

Details of this scheme will be made available later in the year.

Plant fair at Burrow Farm Gardens

DEVON Plant Heritage is to stage a plant fair at Burrow Farm Gardens, Dalwood, near Axminster, on Sunday, April 16th from 10am to 3pm.

Specialist nurseries will be offering a mouth-watering selection of trees, shrubs, climbers, roses, perennials, alpine and pond plants in the 13 acre gardens developed by plantswoman Mary Benger.

Organiser Helen Brown said:

"Buying at the fair is an excellent way to support small West Country businesses and Plant Heritage, your local – and Europe's – largest garden plant conservation charity."

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John prepares for first skydive at the age of 75

A 75-YEAR-old cancer sufferer from Ottery St Mary is planning his first skydive this year and he's looking for 29 others to join him.

John Hounsell aims to make the 15,000 feet tandem jump at Dunkeswell on June 4th to raise money for Devon cancer charity FORCE. John wants to make up a team of 30 likeminded people to mark FORCE's 30th anniversary.

The charity funds research at the University of Exeter Medical School, buys equipment for the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, runs a Support and Information Centre and offers support services in the community.

The jump is being planned in association with Skydive Buzz, and John has teamed up with Ruth Burrow of Rill Farm, Ottery St Mary, to help him with this challenge.

Ruth is a prominent figure in the farming community and has always been a staunch supporter of PSA (Prostate-Specific Antigen) testing to raise awareness of prostate cancer.

To join John's jump or for more information you can contact him on 07976 749391 or 01404 813837, Ruth on 01404 812899 or Skydive Buzz on 01404 890222 or at www.skydiveuk.com

John has set up an online fundraising page - <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/reachforthesky>

■ John Hounsell (centre) and his supporters launch the Reach for the Sky fundraising campaign for FORCE Cancer Charity



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■ **AXE RIVER:** The March meeting took place on the evening of March 21st at the Methodist Church Rooms, Chard Road, Axminster, when the president, Ann Keane, welcomed members, guests and speaker Penny Blower to the meeting.

Penny, who travelled from Barnstaple to be with us, spoke on 'Keeping Up To Date With The Clever Use Of Accessories In 2017'.

She chose two 'models' of different skin and hair colouring, and showed us how the use of different colours of clothing and accessories could enhance their skin tones.

Both models were introduced to colours that they had not worn before, but after the admiring comments from the audience it would seem that their spring wardrobes will be having new additions!

After the talk, the vote of thanks was given by Jane Pollard, and members and guests enjoyed refreshments provided by Linda Griffiths and Brenda Grimes.

We then discussed future events, which included the Spring Council Meeting in Torquay, the Northcote Theatre visit in May, and the Nosh & Natter evening at Hunters Lodge, Raymonds Hill.

The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting which will be held at 7.30pm. on Tuesday, April 18th.

This will be followed by the members taking part in a session of relaxation exercises overseen by Carole Hanna. As usual, all visitors are most welcome.

■ **HONITON EVENING:** At our last meeting members were confronted with a 20kg lamb carcass on the table, a sight none of us were really familiar with!

Laurie, from Porkies the butchers, who was our speaker for the evening then showed us how the carcass was butchered.

As he went along he told us how we could keep each part of the lamb to get the best flavours.

It was a fascinating talk/demo and we all learnt a lot about butchery and cooking.

Following this, for our refreshments, members enjoyed a pulled pork brioche, the meat of course coming from Porkies and one of our members preparing and cooking the rolls.

After refreshments, the business took place and plans were made for various trips – including the Spring Council Meeting – and a new group for strolls (rather than walks) was to be started very shortly.

As an institute we will be entering the Axe Vale Show WI Competition, so plenty of activities to undertake.

For more information please see our website 'Honiton W.I.' or contact our secretary, Mary Gubby, on 01404 43997 or honiton@devonwi.org.uk

Talk on macular degeneration at Axminster Phoenix Ladies Club

JUDY Pride from the Macular Society gave an informative talk to Axminster Phoenix Ladies Club about the age-related eye condition affecting over 600,000 people throughout the country.

Formed by Elizabeth Thomas 30 years ago, the charity currently has 23,000 members.

Sufferers can have either dry or wet eye conditions, the latter can be treated by regular injections, but the former is not treatable at the moment.

Although the central vision becomes blurry over a period of time, peripheral vision remains unaffected.

The Macular Society, a registered charity supports people in their journey from diagnoses, or before (if appropriate) via support groups. The charity also provides advocates where treatment is not provided, help with complaints and a befriending service via volunteers, who keep in contact weekly by telephone.

Daily supplements containing Lutein are available from chemists to help the disease and regular eye checks can help early diagnosis.

Opticians provide practical advice and UV wrap around sunglasses are recommended to protect the eyes.

The society aided by Fight for Sight and the

Blind Veterans Association have launched a 10-year programme to both research the condition and find a cure which will save the NHS a vast amount of money.

Injections currently cost in the region of £600-£800 per eye.

Following the speaker, the chairman announced that 28 people

have booked for the trip to Bournemouth on July 12th. Seats are still available. Contact Lesley on 01297 33420 for further information.

Our next meeting is on April 12th at 2.30 pm when guest speaker Linda Piggott-Vijeh will tell us all about 'Our Lady in Havana'. Guests always welcome.

Seaton Lions celebrate anniversary

CONGRATULATIONS to Seaton and District Lions Club on its 33rd charter anniversary dinner.

President James Partridge Hogbin welcomed Seaton mayor Marcus Hartnell, who was the guest speaker.

He thanked the Lions for all they do, both locally and internationally.

Mr Hartnell mentioned one of his customers, who had visited a school in South Africa and was surprised to find that the school was without basic needs such as books, pencils and teaching aids.

On her return to Seaton, the lady contacted Seaton and District Lions Club for help, and they gave her a donation for the next time she visited the same school. The school was overwhelmed.

Seaton and District Lions Club also located the nearest Lions club in Africa, which is now in touch with

the school on a regular basis.

Mr Hartnell also referred to a letter from Her Majesty The Queen, who had also heard about the school in Africa the club had helped, mentioning how touched the Queen was by this humanitarian gesture; and also sending her birthday greetings to the club and urging it to keep up the good work.

● THE club would like to thank everyone who helped with the Christmas float and concert. More than £6,000 was collected. Already, more than £4,000 has been donated to those in need of our help.

■ ON WEDNESDAY April 19th, Alan Leaman will talk to Colyton & District Garden Society on how to make the best of your hanging baskets and containers. The meeting is at Colyford Memorial Hall at 7.30pm – members free, guests £2.



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Going the extra mile

■ I FELT I had to write after a memorable day in Exeter. With such depressing news of our wonderful Seaton Hospital, my husband and I decided to spend the day using our free bus passes.

Exeter Cathedral was as lovely as ever, but our day had been busier and noisier than expected, and my arthritis more painful than usual.

Picture, if you will, John (91) and me (not so old but feeling it), stepping off the bus back at Seaton, exhausted.

John reached home first (while I picked up the Seaton newspaper) and heard our phone ringing. A young man had found a bus pass, was it mine?

Just after that moment I had arrived home to find my purse missing: bus pass, keys, money and cards, etc, gone! Imagine my horror!

I slumped on the chair, exhausted. It was then John, who only knew about the missing pass,

told me of the call and how he and the caller had arranged to meet at Tesco early the next morning.

I was bowled over by the kindness, courtesy and honesty of the young man (who I believe was working on the building site) and the kindness, care and love shown by my weary husband, arranging to meet this man, using his mobility scooter!

Two gentlemen in one day prepared to go the extra mile for me when I had been so careless.

May I salute both, and especially to thank the man I never met, for returning the purse and all the contents so promptly and so honestly.

We, the older generation, are often critical of younger folk being so easily tempted, so it behoves us to praise those who act in such an honourable way.

Thank you so much, sirs!

JANET LANG,
Seaton

Is the answer to funding problems a return to education styles of past?

■ I GET so sick of hearing how schools are suffering by lack of funding.

I was 10 years old when I was evacuated from Manchester with hundreds of other kids to get us away from the war.

Our teachers, bless them, not only had to cope with their normal classes but us evacuees as well.

Not only did they cope with that they had some tearful

and very unhappy children as well to comfort.

Our schoolbooks were in tatters, some were repaired time and again.

I may add, in spite of this myself and others at that school passed our scholarships.

Now in schools they've got mobiles, iPads, computers, laptops, which must be very expensive.

So how is it that in spite of

all these modern things the media and would-be employers keep saying there are kids today leaving school still unable to read and write?

Perhaps the answer is to revert back to the old style of education.

Maybe then the constant cry of extra funding wouldn't be needed.

JEAN BRIGHT,
Honiton

Should candidates have to reveal stance on EU?

■ NOW that Article 50 has been triggered, we all need to be aware that our usual political process continues and local elections will be happening this May.

I think that post referendum anyone standing for election be it parliamentary, county, district or town council should reveal how they voted in last June's referendum.

As if standing as an independent, Conservative or Labour the electorate will need to know whether a candidate is really on their side.

Only Liberal Democrats or UKIP equate with clear Remain / Leave policy. Let's be honest, since June 23rd 2016 the Conservatives believe they are the UK, despite the fact that only 26 per cent of the population voted and 37 per cent of the possible electorate voted leave.

We have a Prime Minister that nobody voted for gambling on whether or not the UK exists beyond the next general election.

Simply, anyone that voted Leave but is in local government, particularly Tory, cannot pretend they are interested in saving hospital beds, ignore the fact that overstretched CAB officers are referring many of your hoped for electorate to the church-run food bank manned by volunteers, when all these problems are planned Conservative policies.

Seaton is in the tourist and hospitality sector and with an ageing population reliant on many overseas workers, YOU will have to be upfront with the electorate - did you vote in Seaton's interest or did you vote for all our EU visitors and vital workers and friends to leave?

RICHARD DAVID,
Seaton

No help with tackling seagulls?

■ I ASKED for help in the March 21st issue of this paper from Axminster Town Council, local residents and businesses, on cutting down the town's seagull population - no reply.

I have spoken to Boots The Chemist, as they have two nesting areas on their roof, and they have said they will help as it's in their interest to keep their tiles on their roof.

As I do not want to be a nuisance - like the seagulls - it would be helpful if someone from Axminster Town Council could go and have a chat with Costa Coffee, McColl's, Morgan York and Boots. We have two weeks before they start nesting.

Lyme Regis Town Council have got a leaflet out for their town about aggressive seagulls.

Am I wrong but I thought Lyme Regis was a seaside town? Hence seagulls; not like us, a market town.

NIKKI BEDFORD,
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The traditional family business that's always looking forward



■ **THREE GENERATIONS:** PECO chairman Michael Pritchard and his nephew, managing director Ben Arnold, with a photo of the company's founder, Sydney Pritchard

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PECORAMA – home to the Beer Heights Light Railway – attracts more than 80,000 visitors every year, but many won't realise that the manufacturing business PECO, always busy behind the scenes, is really where it all began.

PECO began trading in 1946 when many young men were looking to start a new career in the difficult days of post-war Britain. Among them was Sydney Pritchard, whose innovative thinking and life-long passion for model trains set his new company on the right track.

It all started when Sydney was inspired to create a new design for an impractical coupling device for the new Hornby OO railway system. After trying several prototypes, he found a solution and arranged for a patent. Meccano of Liverpool agreed to use the coupling device for its OO model railway locomotives, offering a royalty of a farthing for each sold, which was enough to get the Pritchard Patent Product Company off the ground, later being nicknamed the P Company and eventually PECO, as it is known today – 71 years later.

With a particular interest in train track, inspired by a childhood spent studying the railway lines surrounding his home in London, Sydney got to work creating a variety of new products and building up relationships with traders. Today, PECO has developed more than 1,000 products and proudly considers itself to be the world's leading manufacturer of model railway track, offering its range in about 400 model railway shops across the country and exporting to 34 countries around the world. Perhaps not quite what you'd expect to find set high on the hill above the quiet East Devon village of Beer.

It was actually in Branscombe where the business was first based, but it later moved to Seaton and by the late 1960s, with restricted space, the company took on its current site in Beer to construct a purpose-built factory, which opened over Easter 1971, and in 1973 the offices followed suit.

The new offices were designed to incorporate an exhibition of model railways, to inspire enthusiasts to pursue their hobby at home no matter what space they had available. It was hugely popular and it soon became apparent



that PECO could also make a name for itself in the tourist industry.

A year later, Pecorama was born, with the 7 1/4" gauge Beer Heights Light Railway opened by the creator of Thomas the Tank Engine, the Reverend Wilbert Awdry. Having started as a short line, the track now runs a mile through tunnels and around the Pecorama grounds – which also include gardens, play areas, mini golf, an outdoor stage and restaurants – and of course still commands the same stunning views across Lyme Bay.

It was during the exciting times of the early 1970s that Sydney's son Michael joined the company, and so started a family dynasty which has continued to this day. Michael moved up the ranks eventually taking over as managing director and has recently taken a step back to become chairman of the company. His nephew Ben Arnold is now taking the business into the next generation, while still retaining its charm and the values first instilled by Sydney in the 1940s.

Taking after his grandfather, Ben has always had an interest in engineering and joined PECO in 2003 having studied automotive engineering. He learnt the production process and worked in the design office, eventually becoming manager of the engineering department, production manager, engineering director and, finally, managing director 18 months ago.

He says being able to see PECO's products through the entire production process, rather than just playing a small part, is what he enjoys most about the job, adding: "Even if it was not the family business, it's the kind of place I would want to work at."

It seems his sentiments are shared by many, with staff at PECO often remaining loyal to the company for many years, some for their entire careers.

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■ **BEHIND THE SCENES:** Alongside the busy model railway manufacturing business, staff at Pecorama maintain all their engines for the Beer Heights Light Railway on site

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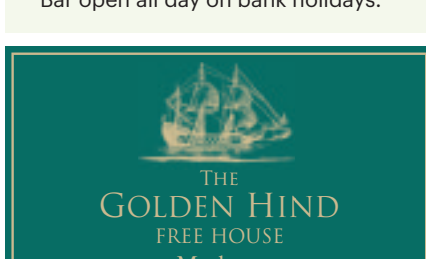
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5 Strange Easter Food Traditions From Around the World

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EASTER involves some weird and fun foods, and some global ones might surprise you.

Whether it's a ham dinner, Peeps, or Cadbury Creme Eggs, everyone has certain foods he or she thinks of when it comes to Easter — even those folks who don't celebrate the religious holiday. However, this is a very ethnocentric view of Easter eats, so in the spirit of multiculturalism, it's time for a lesson on the holiday's traditions around the world.

Here are five examples from around the world that deserve to be in the running:

Butter Lamb: In Poland and parts of Russia, it's traditional to have a butter lamb as the centerpiece of Easter dinner. No, this isn't some type of butter-heavy way to cook lamb, but instead a giant hunk of butter that has been sculpted into the shape of a lamb. The lamb represents the beginning of spring, and the butter represents an easy way to give yourself a holiday heart attack — or something like that.

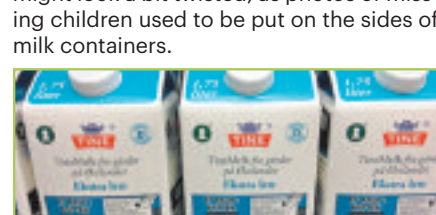
Chocolate Bilbies: Remember that classic episode of The Simpsons where the family visits Australia and Bart leaves behind a bullfrog that destroys their ecosystem by excessively breeding and eating all of the country's crops? That's pretty much how Australians actually feel about rabbits. Instead of celebrating Easter with bunny symbolism, they use a bilby, which is a small marsupial with large ears and a long, pointed nose. The animal is now endangered (thanks in part to those wascally wabbits), and has been subsequently incorporated heavily into Easter traditions — in-

cluding the eating of chocolate bilbies instead of bunnies. Doesn't make too much of a difference in the end though; once you bite the head off, it's all the same.

Easter Bread: Poland is back with another funky Easter tradition. However, it doesn't have to do with the actual food itself, but rather its preparation. In Poland, men don't help prepare the customary Easter bread because an old wives tale says if any dough gets in their mustaches, they will turn grey or the bread won't rise. Of course, clean-shaven men are probably safe, but we'd wager that an awful lot of Polish men mysteriously start growing facial hair every March.

Lamb's Stomach Soup: In Greece, when people are hungry after Easter Sunday mass, they return home to fill their stomachs with... another stomach. Lamb stomach, to be precise. Also known as patsas or tripe soup, the dish is often seasoned with red wine vinegar and garlic, or thickened with avgolemono (egg-lemon sauce). Indulge too much on Easter wine? Patsas is also supposed to be a great hangover cure.

Murderous Milk: Sure, milk isn't really a food (unless you freeze it into milk cubes and crunch away), but we couldn't resist including this tidbit. In Norway, it's traditional for families to read or watch murder mysteries together at Eastertime. Not only do TV stations and publishers in Norway coordinate their programming for these activities, but milk companies actually make special cartons with mini murder mysteries printed on them. This is par for the course in Norway, but to people in America it might look a bit twisted, as photos of missing children used to be put on the sides of milk containers.



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The stars are out in East Devon as cameras roll on new musical

EAGLE eyed locals will have noticed some new faces in East Devon over the past few weeks.

The area around Sidmouth has been inundated with A-list celebrities, who have been shooting a brand new movie, entitled *Melody the Musical*.

Axminster railway station was taken over by the stars last week and the bustling village of Beer ground to a halt when the visitors were, quite literally, dancing in streets.

The film will feature Hollywood icon Joan Collins along with a whole host of other famous names including Elizabeth Hurley and Michael Ball.

The cast also boasts a Broadway superstar in Millicent Martin, who took some time off from filming to give us the lowdown and said: "I think it's going to be a really good film, so I'm happy to be included."

Millicent Martin is a Tony nominated actress who has

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appeared in numerous hit shows on Broadway.

UK audiences perhaps best know her as the resident singer in the weekly satire show *That Was The Week That Was*, but she is known throughout the world as the officious and shrewd Gertrude Moon in the hit American sitcom *Frasier*.

Millicent is playing Betty, a singer and dancer, who along with her best friend Bessie (Joan Collins) formed part of an entertainment troop in wartime London.

Although the pair have met on many occasions, this is the first time Millicent has worked with 'Dame Joan' – as she refers to her – and tells me about the film: "Basically it's about two women who were music hall ladies; they sang and danced as a couple."

"During the war they separated and I had to go back to

my home because my husband had been injured in the war.

"Due to the chaos in London we lose each other. Many years later, I'm in hospital for a check-up and I start to talk to my granddaughter about the old days."

The story takes audiences on a journey, which starts in London during the Second World War.

It was a time when forces from all over the world were in the city and the old time music hall was the main source of entertainment.

The tale is brought right up to the modern day and Millicent tells me: "It's lovely because you will get the modern musical style and also the old music hall, with the lovely theatres which were in London during war time."

Last month a plea went out from the Mad Dog production company who were looking for 500 extras from the local area to help with

the filming.

They were initially particularly interested in finding women over 65 who were able to sing to be in the background.

But it wasn't just the more mature talent from the locale they eventually used, however, and local stage regular Josie Cable, 23, will see her name on the credits as she spent two days shooting in Beer.

Josie was chosen from hundreds of hopefuls and taken to Fore Street in Beer to take part in a scene with Helen Baxendale.

Popular boutique Cinderella's was used as a location and Josie said: "My role was as an extra, or background filler, so I did various things like going in and out of the shop and talking to people on the street."

Josie spent the lunchtime with Helen Baxendale – star of *Cold Feet* and *Friends* – and the small group of actors who had been chosen from around the area.

Josie told me: "She [Helen Baxendale] was very down to earth and just came in to have lunch with us and was

just part of the team."

Filming is continuing in Ealing and the release date is yet to be confirmed.



■ That Was The Week That Was and Frasier star Millicent Martin has been filming locally for a musical which co-stars Dame Joan Collins



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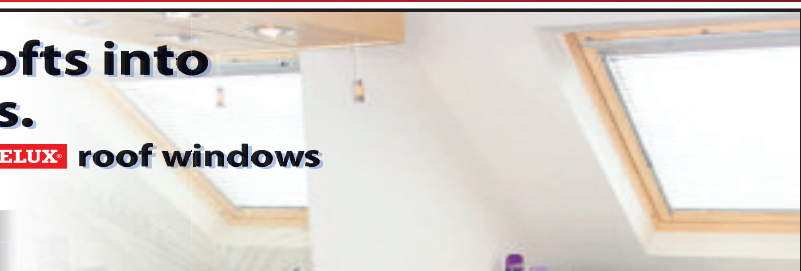
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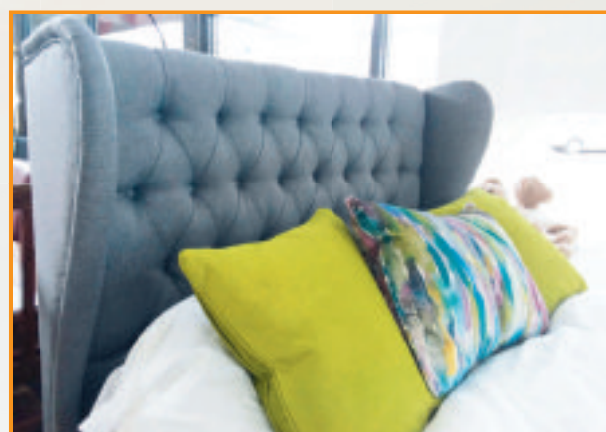


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Easter farmers market

THE MONTHLY Crewkerne Farmers Market is this coming Easter Saturday, April 15th at our new venue by The Henhayes Centre (TA18 8DA near Waitrose and The Aqua Centre), from 9am to 1pm.

Come along to the Farmers Market on Saturday for quality food and drink, produced and reared in the local area; bread, cakes, apples and seasonal veg, cheese, fish, meat, poultry and eggs and Ed the Potter!

Its that time of year again with Islebeck Plants and Raindrop Flowers back for the growing season. Islebeck Plants offer sturdy flowering and edible plants for your garden or containers. Raindrop Flowers offer colourful and original flower arrangements with their locally grown cut flowers.

Wayford Vineyard are visiting the market again with their award winning white sparkling wine from the tranquil hillsides overlooking the Axe Valley.

We look forward to seeing you at the market, shopping for delicious food and drink for your holiday weekend.

For Farmers Market dates across Somerset and details of all the producers visit www.somersetfarmersmarkets.co.uk.

Musical Theatre's introduction evening

IF YOU fancy putting on a uniform and want to sing 'There is Nothing Like A Dame' or 'I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair', come along to Axminster Musical Theatre's musical introduction evening in the Masonic Hall, South Street, on Monday April 24th at 7.30pm.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's *South Pacific* contains one hit song after another and you will learn how the society's November show will be staged and all about the auditions which will be held on Sunday, May 14th at 3pm in the Masonic Hall.

Refreshments will be served at the introduction evening so do come along.

The show will be performed on The Guildhall stage from November 15th-18th. To find out more details, please contact axmt.co.uk or Rose Harvey on 07967205302

Chicken Run Fun at World of Country Life!

COME along to World of Country Life, Exmouth this Easter Bank Holiday weekend and the whole family will be able to enjoy loads of fun packed 'eggstra' activities!

There are free gifts for all the children who complete the Easter Trail. The little ones can try their hand at the Easter Arts & Crafts and join in the 'quacking games' where there are prizes to be won - if you keep an eye out you'll be sure to spot our very own Easter Bunny wandering around with our park mascot 'Appy Angus the bright green deer! Those two really are a sight to be seen!

All of this on top of the usual list of daily activities - walk a goat, bottle feed a lamb, enjoy the Hawkridge Birds of Prey display, ride on the Deer Train Safari*, meet the animals, visit the Hall of Transport, stroll along the Victorian Street and Farming Museum then if you still have the energy there are three indoor soft play areas, the Pirate Ship Play Area and numerous swings, slides and trampolines outdoors!

Farmer Lee's Food Barn will be open all day offering Easter specials and there's the Tractor Take-away for a grab-and-go tasty Devon treat so no need to go hungry!

For a full itinerary of events please visit www.worldofcountrylife.co.uk

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Wurlitzer triumph

ANDREW NIX, the likeable Yorkshireman, made a return visit to Beer on Saturday, April 8th. His thoughtful repertoire of popular music on the Beer Wurlitzer ranged from Irving Berlin to Adele, and included many old favourites - his beautiful playing and his repartee with the audience added up to yet another happy and enjoyable afternoon. As a member of the audience commented afterwards: "It was lovely, he played all the tunes we like to hear."

Andrew started playing on a home organ aged 10, his potential was recognised and his parents arranged lessons for him. As soon as he left school he started playing in local clubs and aged 17 he was appointed organist and musical director for a theatre group performing at Butlins. He is now in much demand for concerts and dances nationwide. Andrew told the audience "I am full of praise for the dedication of the team in keeping the organ in such fine shape and also all the work in setting up these excellent shows. I am so pleased to be back in picturesque Beer today."

The next show will be on Saturday, 13 May, at 2.00pm at the Congregational Church, Fore Street, Beer, when there will be a double bill of Damon Willetts and Dorian Collins. Everyone is most welcome - admittance is £7.00 on the door, to include a half-time cuppa, children under 16 are free. For further information phone 01297 24892 or visit www.beerwurlitzer.org.uk.



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Diary Dates

TUESDAY APRIL 11th

SIDMOUTH: East Devon Organ Club at Primley Road Church Hall (EX10 9LH). Matthew Bason will perform at 7.30pm.

CREWKERNE: The Ile Valley Flower Club have a Flower Arranging Demonstration presented by Susan Griffiths from Plymouth. Titled "Madam Du Paris". At Broadway Village Hall. Starts 7.30pm visitors and new members welcome

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre - Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

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CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters at Henhayes Centre. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 - 4pm.

COLYTON: Merchant Navy Association meeting at the White Hart. 12noon til 1.30pm. No agenda, just chat among shipmates. All ex-Merchant Navy personnel welcome. For more details call 01297 624042.

CHARD: Chard WI meeting at Chard Baptist Church Rooms, Holyrood Street TA20 2AH. Discussion of WI national campaign resolutions, starts 7.30. New members welcome. Call Johanna on 01460 68133 for more information. Meetings first Tuesday of every month.

AXMINSTER: Afternoon Tea, Cakes, Live Music and an Easter Bonnet competition. 2-3.30pm Bradshaw Meeting Room Thomas Whitty House, Silver Street, Axminster, Devon, EX13 5AH

WEDNESDAY APRIL 12th

SEATON: Seaton and District Probus Club. Talk by Val Sutherland - A Letter from the Past. 10 am at Seaton Methodist Church small hall. The club is open to retired or semi-retired men over 55. New members/prospective members welcome - come and give us a try. Please contact Stephen Lord on 01297 21872 for more information.

SEATON: Yoga with a chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway, Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5. All welcome. Contact Yvonne 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for more details

COLYFORD: Axe Valley Centre, National Trust. Talk on East Devon Pebbled Heaths and the Otter Valley by Sam Bridgewater. Colyford Memorial Hall 2.30pm. Non-members welcome £2.00 including refreshments.

CREWKERNE: Bingo - £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games - "eyes down" at 2.30pm at Henhayes Centre. Bar open, refreshments available, raffle.

THURSDAY APRIL 13th

CHARD: Chard Royal Naval Association skittles and pasty night at the Happy Return, East Street at 7pm for 7.30pm.

SEAVINGTON: Seavington Gardening Club meeting at 7.30pm in the Millennium Hall. A talk by Myra Cox - "Flower Arranging for Village Shows". Flower arranging materials will be on sale. Visitors welcome - £2 payable at the door. Refreshments available plus a raffle. For more information please contact Karen Day tel. 01460 249728

OFFWELL: Honiton Flower Club is hosting a flower arranging demonstration entitled 'A Floral Heart' by Charlotte Dawe, Area Demonstrator, at Offwell Village Hall. Doors open at 1.30pm for a 2.15pm start. Refreshments available and all welcome for a £5 admission fee.

SEATON: Seaton Garden Club monthly meeting will take place at 2.30 pm at the Masonic Hall, Queen Street, Seaton. Talk by Mike Burks of Gold Club entitled "Container Gardening".

Also judging of Bulb Competition from October 2016. Visitors welcome, charge £2. to include refreshments. Contact details: 01297 24049

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre - 10.00am to 11.00am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre - 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non- members.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 2 - 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try

FRIDAY APRIL 14th

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

AXMINSTER: Whist Drive at the Axminster Heritage Centre, Bradshaw Room, Silver Street Axminster EX13 5A8 7.30pm Coffee, Tea, Biscuits and good prizes!

Thoroughly Modern Millie

'T'S 1922, and fresh off the train from the Mid-West, the sweet but plucky Millie Dillmount (Jodie Glover) arrives in New York full of dreams, and determined to acquire big city sophistication and a wealthy husband. She tears up her return ticket, bobs her hair, and assumes the modern look of a 'flapper'.

But her enthusiasm doesn't last long as she is mugged on the street, losing her hat, scarf, purse and shoe. As she panics trying

to get some one to help her, she trips up unsuspecting passer by Jimmy Smith (Cameron Love), a handsome, witty and carefree young fella' who promptly lectures her on why she should head straight back home; she is just another girl full of false hopes who doesn't belong in the big city.

She almost takes his advice, but then has second thoughts, after all

"Who needs a hat? Who needs a purse? And who needs YOU, mister whoever-you-are?!"

With renewed enthusiasm, she finds herself a room at the Hotel Priscilla for Single Women run by the mysterious and sinister Mrs. Meers. The young ladies who reside there are unaware of their potential fate as 'Meersie', a failed actress turned evil, now works for a secret white slavery ring in Hong Kong, kidnapping the pretty unsuspecting orphan girls and shipping them to the Orient.

When the room next to Millie's suddenly becomes available, after the mysterious disappearance of yet another young resident, the wealthy & sweet Miss Dorothy moves in fresh from California; She is eager to learn 'how the other half lives' and her and Millie strike up a friendship.

The story continues in next week's edition.

Lyme Regis Musical Theatre perform Thoroughly Modern Millie at the Marine Theatre from Tuesday, May 9th to Saturday, May 13th.

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Diary Dates

FRIDAY APRIL 14th & SATURDAY APRIL 15th

TATWORTH: 6th Tatworth Beer Festival at Tatworth Playing Fields. 4pm-10.30pm Friday, 4pm-11pm Saturday. Live music Saturday night with Grovecat. BBQ available. Monies raised will contribute to the upkeep of recreational facilities for the village.

SATURDAY APRIL 15th

SOUTH PETERHTON: Easter Family Fair, 11.00am - 5.00pm. Easter Egg Trail, Food Stalls, Dog Show with The Groom Room, Face Painting, Lambs, Chicks, Local Producers, Refreshments, Tractors, plus lots more! At Frogmary Green Farm. For more details call 01460 249758 or visit www.frogmarygreenfarm.co.uk

DONVATT: One Plus One Carnival Club are holding their Easter Bingo on Saturday 15th April at Donvatt Bowling club. Meat Hamper prizes and an Easter themed raffle. Cakes and refreshments available. Bingo room open from 7pm, eyes down for 8pm.

OFFWELL: Easter Bingo in Offwell Sports and Social Club, Nr. Honiton, doors open 6.15pm eyes down at 7.00 pm. lovely prizes, good night out for all the family, proceeds to Offwell Sports and Social Club.

SEAVINGTON: Smokestack CMC held at the Millennium Hall. Music from Jeff Gallant Band. No bar, BYO. Free tea/coffee. For more details call 01935 881510.

SEATON: FREEdom Cafe - FREE Community Cafe 10.30am-1.30pm. Hosted by St Gregory's church at the church centre Seaton EX12 2DF. Coffee, cakes and light lunches all FREE. Rummage stall and good quality second hand books. We welcome everyone, living, working or just visiting.

LYME REGIS: Local Crafts and Collectables at the Baptist Church Hall, Silver Street. From 10.30am. Free admission. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome. Supporting FORCE Cancer Charity. For more details call 01297 445232.

SUNDAY APRIL 16th

SOUTH PETERHTON: South Petherton Carnival are holding their annual Easter Duck race. Ducks are available to buy from the Brewers arms pub, N&D newsgents or on the day, £2 per duck or 3 for £5. The race starts from 3pm at Hele Lane and finishes at Silver street in the village. Big cash prizes to be won. Followed by a quiz in aid of the carnival in the Brewers arms at 8.30pm.

MONDAY APRIL 17th

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Every Monday.

SMEATHARPE: Whist Drive in aid of hall roof funds, 7.30pm. Good prizes and raffle. For more details call 01823 601296.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Awareness April Meeting. Guest Speaker: Peter Knight on 'Dartmoor Mindscapes'. At the Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel, Crewkerne. 7pm - 9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (Includes Light Refreshments) Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone Anastasia 01460 351019

STOCKLAND: Stockland Church Annual Brunch and Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon. Full English breakfast, followed by a footpath walk. All welcome.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 7 - 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

TUESDAY APRIL 18th

AXMINSTER: Cooking for One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. At the Methodist Hall, Lyme Road, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Hannah on 01297 631782 for more information or email hannah@halff.org.uk. 11.00am-12.30pm.

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Deadline is Friday 4pm for the following Tuesday's publication. Please ensure dates are included for all listings - weekly listings without dates may not be published.

The first ladies of jazz

ILMINSTER Arts Centre invites you to spend an evening with the first ladies of jazz on Friday, April 21st, when top UK jazz vocalist Lee Gibson will be performing the songs of the jazz divas Ella Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee and Sarah Vaughan, accompanied by the Martin Dale Quartet, the most popular saxophone small group in the South West.

Lee Gibson is a world-class singer who regularly performs with the BBC Big Band and the BBC Concert Orchestra, including sessions on 'Friday Night is Music Night'. She has sung at seven Royal Variety Shows, and appears regularly with her own trio and quartet at major jazz venues including the 606 Club, Ronnie Scotts and Pizza on the Park. A popular performer in Europe, Lee has also recorded and starred with The Netherlands Metropole Orchestra in Holland, The UMO Jazz Orchestra in Finland, The WDR Band and The Francy Boland Band in Germany and the Danish Radio Band in Denmark.

Audiences and critics can't get enough of Lee Gibson, with *The Independent* declaring her 'a jazz vocal sensation', while *The Stage* names her as 'One of the best Big Band singers in the country.' According to Time Out Gibson is 'that rarity, a swinging singer who has also reached the highest standards of musicianship.' As far as the Observer's jazz critic is concerned, 'there can never be too much Lee Gibson... she lights up any song with her musicality.'

Martin Dale is one of the busiest saxophonists in the South West, with his own quartet and as a guest soloist in many others. He is a member of the London based groups "Sax Appeal" and "Jack Bruce Blues Experience". Martin's Plymouth based band has worked with Jim Mullen, Bruce Adams, Digby Fairweather and Peter King to name but a few. Martin has worked on the Q.E.2 as lead alto player, backing such artists as Neil Sedaka, Petula Clark, and Tom Jones and has recorded for the BBC on radio and television sound tracks.

Lee and Martin's combination of song and saxophone promises a musical treat of the highest order. They play at Ilminster Arts Centre at the Meeting House on Friday, April 21st at 8pm. Tickets are £14, and a preshow supper is available for £14 at 7pm but must be pre-booked. To book your place, contact the Box Office on 01460 54973.



Yeovil Concert Band to perform in Martock

THE 32-strong Yeovil Concert Band, directed by Band Sergeant Tom Griffin, RM, will play music by John Williams and Ennio Morricone, popular marches, and classical items extracts from *The Jersey Boys*.

Tom Griffin, the charismatic director of Yeovilton Military Band, now also directs the Concert Band.

The Yeovil Concert band performs at Martock Parish Church on Thursday, April 20th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 on the door or £7 in advance from 01935 822706.



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Blake will bring their 'Songs of Stage & Screen' show to Yeovil's Octagon Theatre on Friday, May 5th. Tickets are £21.50, available online at www.octagon-theatre.co.uk or by calling 01935 422884.



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Diary Dates

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CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Bowling Club (West Street) sees the start of the season with the Opening of the Green at 6.16pm. New member would be most welcome - come and have a roll-up (weather permitting), bar will be open. More info available from secretary Bruce Murdoch on 01935 863209

HONITON: Honiton U3A will be meeting at The Beehive, Honiton on Wednesday 19th April when their speaker will be Peter Hood who will be giving a talk on 'Food through the Ages' - A gourmet and not so gourmet look at recipes from the past. (Will include a few samples). At The Beehive Centre, Dowell St., Honiton - Doors open at 1.30pm for a 2.00pm start. Members free and visitors welcome (suggested donation of £2.00). Further information: 01404 589008. Website: <http://u3asites.org.uk/honiton>

SEATON: Yoga with a chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway at Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5. All welcome. Contact Yvonne 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for more details

SEATON: Discover Seaton Down Hillfort walk. Bill Horner, County Archaeologist will reveal what the bumps and humps tell us about the past of this little known Iron Age Hillfort. Legacy to Landscape project event. 2pm - 4pm, Free - No booking required. Parking at Seaton Tower layby, Seaton Down road, EX12 2TH (ST 233 913) legacytolandscapes@gmail.com; 01404 310012
CREWKERNE: Bingo - Cash prizes - "eyes down" at 2.30pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games.

THURSDAY APRIL 20TH

CHARD: Chard Camera Club Members will be given a presentation by local photographer Matilda Temperly on images of Floods, Fashion and Circus. Anyone interested in seeing this presentation should come to the location for 7.30pm on the night. Any further information can be obtained via their website www.chardcameraclub.org.uk or by contacting the acting members secretary Mr Malcolm Brocklehurst on 01460 68616

AXMINSTER: All Saints Primary School PTFa bingo night at Cloakham Lawn. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Great prizes to be won. Raffle on the night. Everyone welcome!
FENITON: Feniton History Group talk on 'Medieval Rood Screens - their rise and their fall', with guest speaker Martin Horrell. At Feniton Church, 7.30pm. Admission £4 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre - 10.00am to 11.00am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members
CREWKERNE: Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre - 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 2 - 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try

FRIDAY APRIL 21ST

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

HINTON ST GEORGE: An evening of ragtime, boogie woogie jazz featuring Mike Denham (keyboard) and Andy Dickens (trumpet and vocals) at St George's Hall, Merriott Road. Doors 7pm, music 7.30pm. Tickets £12 from OUR Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or by calling 07500 532543. Organised by Hinton Festival www.hintonfestival.btck.co.uk

CREWKERNE: Bertie's Big Band Concert at St Bartholomew's Church, Crewkerne. Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm; tickets £12 or £14 on the door, (under 18's free); available from Crewkerne Town Hall or Liz 01460 271767. A Bar will be available

CREWKERNE: Special Lunch at Henhayes Centre - Roast Lamb, Fruit Crumble. Bar open at 12 noon, lunch at 12.30pm. £8.00 booking essential. Everyone welcome.

FRIDAY APRIL 21ST & SATURDAY APRIL 22ND

AXMINSTER: Axminster Musical Theatre concert of West End and Broadway shows at Axminster Guildhall, 7.30pm. Tickets are available from the Archway Bookshop 01297

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The Horticultural Society is grateful for any support it receives and always welcomes new members to come and join us. We would also be very grateful for any help with weeding and looking after the floral displays, and if anyone is interested in being a volunteer helper, please come along to the hall and see us.

The next Table Top Sale will take place on Saturday May 27 and there are a few tables left for this one - if you would like to book one, please call Audrey on 01297-20048. Table cost is £6 for one, or £10 for two. Bookings are also being taken for the June Table Top Sale on Saturday, June 24th and there are tables available for this one on the same contact number.

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Diary Dates

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SATURDAY APRIL 22ND

LYME REGIS: Local Crafts and Collectables at the Baptist Church Hall, Silver Street. From 10.30am. Free admission. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome. Supporting FORCE Cancer Charity. For more details call 01297 445232.

MONDAY APRIL 24TH

AXMINSTER: Axminster Carnival Bingo at Axminster Guildhall. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Every Monday.

AXMINSTER: A Street Cat Named Bob - Our Movie on Monday in the Bradshaw Meeting Room, Thomas Whitty House, Silver Street, Axminster, Devon, EX13 5AH doors open 1.30 for a 2.00pm start. Tickets just £4 can be booked in advance on 01404 831207 Light refreshments available after the film.

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre - 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45 am to 11.45 am. £2 for members/ £3 for non-members. Transport available for second session, ring Centre to book.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 7 - 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

TUESDAY APRIL 25TH

SEATON: Cooking For One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families), 11am-1pm. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and modified diets (eg puree/fork mashable). New venue The Marshlands Centre, Harbour Road, Seaton, EX12 2LT. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Laura on 01297 631782 for more information or email laura@halff.org.uk.

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre - Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.50 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters at Henhayes Centre. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 - 4pm.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 26TH
SEATON: Seaton and District Probus Club. Talk by David Duke with advice on legal matters. 10 am at Seaton Methodist Church small hall. The club is open to retired or semi-retired men over 55. New members/prospective members welcome - come and give us a try. Please contact Stephen Lord on 01297 21872 for more information.

SEATON: Yoga with a chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway, Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5. All welcome. Contact Yvonne 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for more details

THURSDAY APRIL 27TH

ILMINSTER: Heritage of the Ille Trust Annual Meeting at the Shrubbery Hotel, 7.30pm. After the short AGM there will be a slide show presentation and talk by Robin Gilbert from the South West Airfields Trust which will include when and why Merrifield Aerodrome was built and how important it was in WW2. A further slideshow and display of old photographs will continue during the Buffet. The cost is £10pp which includes the optional buffet (£8) and annual membership of £2. For further details please contact Rowland Garland on 0146052673 or Allan White on 0146053928

COLYTON: English Civil War Costume Evening - come along and find out what Colyton town-folk will be wearing for the 10th June historical community event. Costumes, information sheets, advice - all welcome. 6-8 pm at Sunday School, St Andrews Church in Colyton. More Information - 01297 552626

FRIDAY APRIL 28TH

SEATON: Free Cooking Demonstrations For Heart & Diabetes with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 10.30-12.30. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking and covering nutritional advice for people with, or at risk of, type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. New venue The Marshlands Centre, Harbour Road, Seaton, EX12 2LT. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Chat, learn, eat. Call Hannah on 01297 631782 for more information, email hannah@halff.org.uk or go to www.halff.org.uk.

Nicky Sweetland's

Showtime

ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

The struggle with objectivity as a theatre critic

IT'S VERY easy in this job to get caught up in the excitement of a glamorous West End press night. We are given free tickets, free booze and are often surrounded by celebrities, but is that really the best way to be objective about the show you're critiquing?

Don't get me wrong, walking on a red carpet can have its attractions, but after the first few times, you begin to realise you can get a much more rounded view of show if you visit on another night.

I used to be mortified if I didn't make it onto the A-list and had to see a show on a different night, but now I actually prefer it. You're more likely to get two tickets, so you can take a friend, you don't have to dress up, so are more able to sit comfortably, and there's no pressure to post your review at the same time as everyone else.

I also think it's much easier to focus on the show you are watching rather than being swept up in the showbiz machine, with the peer pres-

sure of being amongst other critics and the feeling you should somehow take their ideas into consideration.

With this in mind, I watched the new revival of *42nd Street* this week-the day after press night-and I thought it was fairly bland. I was therefore surprised by many of the critic's reviews and can't help but wonder if they had been whipped into frenzy by seeing a member of the Royal Family (The Duchess of Cambridge was in attendance) and their opinions



■ AUDRA McDonald and George Farmer in *Lady Day* at Emerson's Bar & Grill.

were perhaps affected by the occasion.

A lot of money has been thrown at the production to make up for its distinct lack of real substance and for me the phrase "You can't polish a turd, but you can roll it in glitter" perfectly applies.

I must quickly state that I'm hugely grateful for every ticket I get and I'm fully aware there are thousands of people who would give their eyeteeth to be given the opportunity to see West End shows for free.

We are over a barrel however. Us minnows need to see the big shows in order to encourage traffic to our publications, so we are often left in a quandary. If we are negative about a production, we may not be invited to the next one and yet if we are not honest, we can never hope for any credibility from our readers.

I also worry that if the piece of theatre is of a more intellectual nature, my obvious lack of education might mean my review could be viewed as invalid.

It's hard not to be influenced by other more established critics and to instead remain steadfast in your own opinions, but I feel with my writing, that I'm representing a niche of theatre fans; ordinary people, who make up a large proportion of the theatre viewing public.

Next week, I'm off to another big budget perform-

ance as I head to the London Coliseum to see one of my all time favourite musicals, *Carousel*, which stars Katherine Jenkins and Alfie Boe.

I'm then very excited to be going to an intimate performance by multi-Tony Award Winner Audra McDonald at the Leicester Square Theatre. Audra has recently appeared in the film version of *Beauty and the Beast* and will reprise the role of Billie Holiday later this year in the West End production of *Lady Day* at Emerson's Bar and Grill.



■ SHEENA Easton and the company of *42nd Street*.

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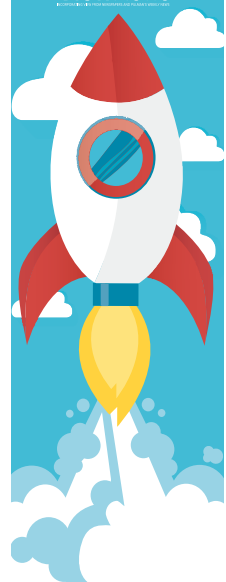
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Dated: 11th April 2017

Seaton Town Council: Annual Town Meeting Thursday 20th April 2017

Seaton Town Council is holding its Annual Town Meeting on Thursday 20th April at 7pm at the Council Offices in Marshlands, Harbour Road, Seaton. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting to receive updates on the work of the Council and its partners. There is an opportunity for Members of the Public to submit questions in advance for consideration to be addressed at the meeting. If you would like to do so please email assistant@seaton.gov.uk with an outline of the question. Please could you supply your full name and contact details when submitting questions. A Council Officer will let you know if your question will be considered at the meeting. The agenda for the Town Meeting will be available by Thursday 13th April and can be viewed at the Town Hall Notice Board or by logging onto Seaton Town Council website under the News page (www.seaton.gov.uk).

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Partner Ross Willmington said "We started the auction at 2 pm on a perfect spring afternoon, the Guildhall was packed to the rafters with buyers from the local area, all over the UK and even one unsuccessful purchaser who had travelled over 1,000 miles from south west France for one of the lots at Wootton Fitzpaine. Many of the properties hadn't been on the open market for a considerable time and generated a huge amount of interest".

The lot that made the telephone

ring the most was Bowditch Farm Lodge in Membury, a three bedroom timber framed barn conversion in gardens and a small orchard. Guided at £180,000 - £200,000, the bidding started cautiously but ended with the hammer dropping at a superb £310,000 to a very happy local couple. Symonds & Sampson's specialist planning team had assisted the vendors in removing a holiday cottage restriction from the property last year.

Agricultural land remained in strong demand from local farmers and investors, with 48 acres of land at Wootton Fitzpaine averaging £10,500 per acre. The top price was for 10.21 acres with a farm building, achieving £166,000

(£16,258 per acre) to a neighbouring farmer.

Fourways in Alston ended the day on a high - selling for a staggering £570,000, more than £120,000 over the guide of £400,000 - £450,000 and purchased by a couple from Honiton. Fourways was a large house requiring complete renovation set in grounds extending to about 4.40 acres.

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Chestnut Close, Seaton £229,950

Detached bungalow | Two bedrooms | Living room & separate dining room | Kitchen & utility room | Conservatory | Attractive enclosed, rear garden | Sealed unit double glazed | Gas central heated | Driveway, parking and single garage | NO ONWARD CHAIN | EPC: C



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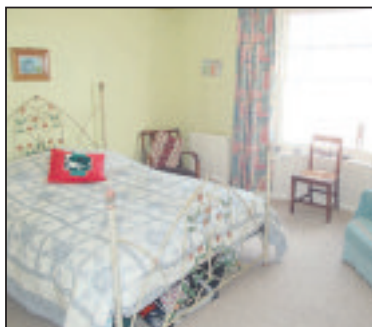
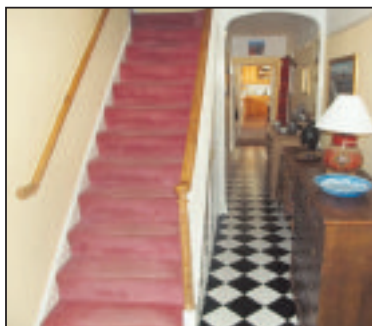
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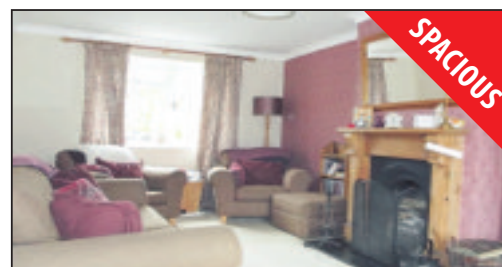
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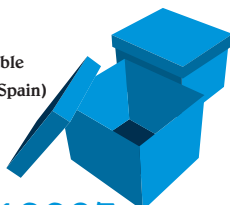
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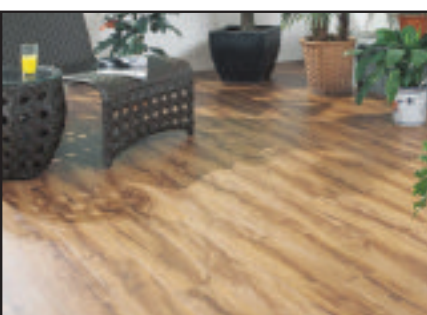
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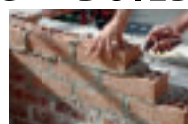
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As per previous D-Max models, Shift-On-The-Fly 4x4 is a key feature of the 17MY truck. The rotary dial allows the driver to select four-wheel drive on the move and is also equipped with low range gears.

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SPECTACULAR British aviation skills are the inspiration for Aston Martin's latest Q by Aston Martin creation; the Vanquish S Red Arrows edition.

Just ten examples of the Red Arrows inspired cars are being commissioned by Aston Martin Cambridge, each with special design features, hand-crafted interiors and graphic elements that draw on the visual language of aviation, as well as the skill and agility of the RAF's globally acclaimed official aerobatic unit, the Red Arrows.

Founded in 1965, the Red Arrows quickly achieved a reputation for incredible precision and awesome spectacle. Beginning with the Folland Gnat trainer before adopting the iconic BAE Systems Hawk in 1980, the team continues to demonstrate the very best in piloting prowess. The nine pilots of the Red Arrows represent a true team effort, transforming the razor-sharp reactions of fast-jet flying into spectacular displays that have thrilled crowds the world over, from the Goodwood Festival of Speed to important state occasions in the UK and abroad.

The Q by Aston Martin Vanquish S Red Arrows edition is finished in striking Eclat Red, mirroring the instantly familiar

livery of the Hawks and referencing the word 'Eclat,' the Red Arrows' motto. A host of subtle details enhance the bodywork and interior, from white and blue carbon livery detailing to the white 'smoke trail' feature on the side strake. An exposed carbon fibre roof panel includes an in-laid 'charge' pattern mimicking the canopy design of a fast jet, while Union Jack enamel wing badges and a titanium exhaust complete the exterior package.

Inside, Red Arrows and RAF inspired details are used throughout, such as the Pinewood green inserts that evoke the design of the classic flight suit and Martin Baker Ejection Seat fabric, together with the green webbing seatbelts. The signature Red Arrows emblem of nine aircraft in classic 'diamond' formation is embroidered on the seat backs, along with unique sill and engine inspection plaques. The latter will be signed, 1 through 10, by the equivalent number 'Red' pilot in the squadron. The Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team logo is embroidered on the transmission tunnel, and the rear of the cabin is finished in the 2+0 configuration, allowing for rear-mounted stowage of twin racing helmets, both finished in the Red

Arrows livery.

The One-77-derived steering wheel is paired with a bespoke centre rotary toggle switch inspired by aviation instrumentation and switchgear, including black/yellow hatched design patterning on seat fold and door pulls. The door cards are embroidered with a graphic of the iconic 'Vixen Break,' a spectacular high-G 9-aircraft formation.

The Vanquish S is a high-performance masterpiece, a fitting culmination to this iconic model's production run. One of the most agile road-going Aston Martins ever built, it delivers muscular performance with a finely grained analogue connection between driver and road. Just as the BAE Systems Hawk communicates every facet of the flying experience to its pilot, the Vanquish S provides a truly visceral drive, making it a perfect match for the spectacularly aerobatic Hawk.

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The Q by Aston Martin Vanquish S Red Arrows edition is the ultimate showcase of how tailor-made design and detailing can shape a truly special automobile. Developed by the designers and craftpeople at Q by

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The limited edition is the third Q by Aston Martin - Commission from Aston Martin Cambridge, following on from the success of last year's V12 Vantage S Spitfire 80 Edition, marking 80 years of

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The Q by Aston Martin Vanquish S Red Arrows edition was announced at the handover of the former RAF St Athan facility in South Wales, soon to become Aston Martin's second manufacturing site in the UK. Strictly limited to just nine customer cars, Reds 1 through 9 are available to purchase through Aston Martin Cambridge.



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football the local round-up

Nine-man Ax battled on for good point

Honiton clatter Clyst to extend lead - Walker the match winner as Beer run continues - Hawks up to second

football tables

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Teignmouth	32	69
Stoke Gabriel	31	68
Appledore	31	64
Newton Abbot Spurs	32	64
Brixham AFC	32	60
AXMINSTER TOWN	33	57
Crediton Utd	31	53
Torrifordside	32	51
Exeter University	29	42
St Martins	32	40
Sidmouth Town	32	40
Alphington	33	38
Liverton Utd	32	33
Bovey Tracey	32	32
Galmpton Utd	33	32
Totnes & Dartington	30	26
Budleigh Salterton	29	22
Exwick Villa	30	18

D&E Premier (28) Pld Pts		
Honiton Town	25	62
Newtown	23	57
Elmore	22	51
Okehampton Argyle	25	48
Heavitree Utd	22	41
Seaton Town	25	37
Beer Albion	23	34
Penitron	24	34
Topsham Town	25	32
Uptonery	26	28
Exmouth Amateurs	23	27
Newton St Cyres	28	26
Clyst Valley	26	25
Hatherleigh Town	27	19
Bow AAC	24	4

D&E Div 1 (20) Pld Pts		
Cronies FC (C)	20	53
Exeter University Res	19	38
Exmouth Town Res	19	32
Sidmouth Town Res	18	31
Lyme Regis	20	29
Wetheridge Reserves	15	28
Colyton	20	27
Wellington Reserves	19	16
Alphington Reserves	19	15
Willand Rovers Res	20	14
Bickleigh	17	6

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Penitron Reserves	22	22
Alphington 3rds	23	17
Awliscombe Utd	21	12

Match reports

Axminster Town 1

Newton Abbot Spurs 1

AXMINSTER Town had to dig deep to maintain their unbeaten record under new boss Jon Hurford as they finished Saturday's 1-1 draw with nine men.

The visitors took the lead in the 37th minute when the Tigers failed to clear their lines from a corner and Mark Brooke hooked the ball home.

Axminster had their moments in the first half; Hurford had a shot tipped over the bar and Jamie Barfoot had an effort well saved.

But they had to wait until the 69th minute to draw level when Aaron Daniels set Tony Pinder away down the right flank and his cross was met at the near post by a bullet header from Hurford from eight yards out.

The hosts' player manager had a great chance to put his side in front in a one-on-one chance but his drilled shot struck the outside of a post.

The heat was turned up soon after when Mark Smale was scythed down by a Spurs player who was already on a yellow card. But the referee decided not to reach for his pocket again to the dismay of the Tiger Way faithful.

Moments later Smale was off after receiving a second yellow card and things got worse in the 88th minute when midfielder Dan Clay was shown a red for a last man foul on Liam Moseley.

Ax keeper Scott Wells-Burr made a fine stop to keep out the resulting free kick and the nine-men clung on to deservedly bank a point.

After the game Hurford told *Pulman's Sport*: "We had to really dig deep in the last few minutes but I felt overall we deserved to have won the game."

"I had a good chance but struck the post if that had gone in it may have been a different story."

"Considering that they had to win if they were going to pinch the title I felt they created little and we had the better chances."

"I didn't see the incident for Mark's second yellow, but there was no disputing Dan's red card - he took one for the team there. They [Newton Abbot] should definitely have had a player dismissed, it was certain second booking."

"It was great to see the crowd's reaction to my goal; they gave us a real lift. I'd like to thank them for their support, it really does help."

Sixth-placed Axminster have no fixture next Saturday.

Axminster: Scott Wells-Burr, Ben Clay, Mark Smale, Chris Duchenski, Elliot Dyer, Aaron Daniels, Danny Clay, Nathan Warren, Jon Hurford, Ben Vine (Liam Cleal

54), Jamie Barfoot (Tony Pinder 60). Unused Sub; Craig Every.

Beer Albion 2

Heavitree Utd 1

Devon & Exeter Premier

BEER Albion put in another massive performance to beat Heavitree United 2-1 at The Furzebrake on Saturday writes Richard Honnor.

After their 13 goals against strugglers Bow the previous Saturday, the Heavies were brought down to the earth by the Fishermen who gave everything to secure the three points.

Since losing their first five matches, Beer have won 10, drawn four and lost only four in a run which has taken them from the bottom to seventh place in the Premier table.

Player-boss Richard Walker has been quick to recognise the defensive and teamwork qualities in the current group of players by regularly employing a defensive formation with two banks of four and relying on swift counter-attacks.

Indeed this is how Saturday's game panned out with Beer's defensive wall soaking up wave after wave of Heavitree attacks and catching their opponents with quick counters.

Heavitree made the early showing but spurned a great chance to go ahead in the fifth minute with a header drifting wide from three yards out.

After weathering the early pressure Beer settled into their best spell of the game. On 20 minutes, Walker delivered a great cross field pass to Smith but the Beer midfielder screwed his shot wide.

Rooke made a stunning save just after the half hour, pushing a fierce close-range header around the post and then made another good stop from the ensuing corner - these two saves proved crucial as the Fishermen took the lead a minute later. Chris Long delivered a low cross which Bartlett poked home first time from 10 yards.

As half time approached a rare Beer defensive mix-up presented Heavitree with a good chance to draw level but a 20-yard effort flew narrowly wide.

For all their dominance, Heavitree lacked composure in front of goal hitting the ball high and wide. They were made to pay on 53 minutes when Beer went two-up. A high clearance was well controlled by Long facing his own goal and laid square to Walker who placed his shot from 16 yards past the helpless visiting keeper.

With the Fishermen now sitting back to hold on to their two-goal advantage, Heavitree dominated possession and despite two more fine saves from Rooke, reduced the arrears when a long free kick on 74 minutes deceived the Beer keeper who lost sight of the ball looking into the sun.

But Rooke made amends with three more crucial saves in the final 15 minutes as Beer held on desperately to secure the victory and the Fishermen's keeper de-

servedly picked up the man-of-the-match award from sponsors, Kenworthy & Arbourne Builders.

Millwey Rise FC

MILLWEY Rise FC's Presentation Night is scheduled to be held at Cloakham Lawns Social Club from 7-30pm on Saturday, April 29th April when all players and supporters are welcome.

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Those interested are requested to contact Simon Flint 07756489617 by May 1st.

The Club's AGM will be held on Sunday, May 14th commencing 7pm at Cloakham Lawns. All those interested in assisting the club in their 60th year will be welcome.

Round-up

with Howard Larcombe

BLAKE Freemantle led the way with a hat-trick as **Honiton Town** hammered lowly Clyst Valley 9-0 at Mountbatten Park.

Joe Mulhall (2), Jack Knight (2), Chris Long and Andy Isaac also joined in the goal fest as the goal-hungry Hippos maintained their push for a first ever PREMIER DIVISION title.

Honiton and title rivals Newtown have both had their facilities approved by the South West Peninsula League.

Two goals in each half saw **Seaton Town** cruise to a 4-0 win at Bow AAC where Charlie Ledger, Martyn Hancock, Josh French and James Hill found the net.

Elsewhere, after a delayed kick off due to traffic congestion, a last minute Aaron Pease goal earned **Penitron** a 1-0 win Topsham Town who had a player dismissed just after conceding.

DIVISION ONE

RUNAWAY Champions Cronies FC rounded off their league campaign in style with Matt Webb, Mike Benyon and Jordy Burrows scoring in a 3-0 win in the seaside sunshine at **Lyme Regis**.

Meanwhile, after a goal less first half **Colyton** led twice through George Richards and Jake Richards at Witheridge Reserves. But the hosts snatched a point with an 85th minute second equaliser.

Other Scores

Bickleigh 1 Exmouth Town Res 2

DIVISION TWO

Cullompton Res 5 Halwill 1

Heavitree Utd 5 Axmouth Utd 0

Tipton St John 1 Dawlish Utd 2

Woodbury 1 Lapford 1

DIVISION THREE

Perry Street P-P Exmouth Amat Res

DIVISION FOUR

Kentisbeare 2 Thorverton 2

Pinhoe 1 Otterton 3

St Martins Res 1 Priory 5

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Crediton Utd Res 7 Alphington 3rds 1

Newton St Cyres Res 5 Winchester 3

North Tawton 4 Beer Albion Res 2

Starcross Generals 0 Royal Oak 3

Whipton & Pin 3 Awliscombe Utd 1

DIVISION SIX

Silverton 0 Hemoyck 2

Stoke Hill 4 Central Res 0

Tivvy Park Res 0 Hatherleigh Res 2

Winkleigh 3 Lyme Regis Res 0



■ MATCH ACTION: Axminster Town defender Elliot Dyer (Amber shirt) in aerial combat.
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DIVISION SEVEN

Colyton Res 1 Cranbrook 3

Seaton Town Res 0 Sidmouth 3rds 4

DIVISION EIGHT

Lapford Res 6 Kentisbeare Res 1

Sandford Res 0 Bravehearts 4

GOLESWORTHY CUP QF

Penitron 3rds 1 Offwell Rangers 5

Hemoyck v Central FC

Lyme Regis Res v Dunksell Rovers

Tivvy Park v Offwell Rangers

DIVISION SEVEN

Bickleigh Res v Exmouth Spartans

Seaton Town Res v Ilminster Res

Woodbury Res v Cheriton Fitzpaine

DIVISION EIGHT

Uptonery Res v Sandford Res

Midweek results

Tuesday, April 4th

DIVISION FIVE

Crediton Utd 1 Winchester 1

Wednesday, April 5th

GRANDISSON CUP QF

Ottertton 2 Sidmouth Town Res 2

(Sidmouth won 4-3 on pens)

PREMIER

Newton St Cyres 0 Okehampton 2

FIXTURES

Last night (Monday)

DIVISION ONE

Bickleigh v Witheridge Res

Wednesday, April 12th

PREMIER

Topsham Town v Heavitree Utd

DIVISION SIX

Central v Stoke Hill

DIVISION SEVEN

Bickleigh Res v Cheriton Fitzpaine

Thursday, April 13th

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PREMIER

Bow AAC v Clyst Valley

Okehampton v Seaton Town

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DIVISION THREE

Newton Poppleford v Perry Street

DIVISION FOUR

Pinhoe v Priory

Sandford v St Martins Res

DIVISION FIVE

Alphington 3rds v North Tawton

Awliscombe Utd v Crediton Utd Res

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Royal Oak v Winchester

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Elmore Res v Winkleigh

Exwick Village v Stoke Hill

Halwill Res v Hatherleigh Res

football tables

D&E Div 6 (24) Pld Pts		
Winkleigh (C)	21	58
Exwick Village	22	47
Hemoyck	20	40
Central FC	20	39
Lyme Regis Res	18	36
Halwill Reserves	20	33
Offwell Rangers	21	33*
Elmore Reserves	18	25
Stoke Hill	21	22*
Tivvy Park Rangers	21	20
Dunkeswell Rovers	21	18
Hatherleigh Res	22	10*
Silverton	23	5

D&E Div 7 (22)	Pld	Pts
Cranbrook.....	22	54
Ilminster Town Res.....	21	53
Wellington 3rds.....	21	41
Sidmouth Town 3rds.....	21	31
Exmouth Spartans.....	20	37
K&M Polina Exeter.....	22	23
Bickleigh Reserves.....	19	28
Cheriton Fitzpaine.....	20	25
Seaton Town Res.....	20	20
Woodbury Reserves.....	20	19
Colyton Reserves.....	20	16
HT Dons.....	22	15

tee off golf news

Back-to-back aces in the glorious sunshine at Honiton

CRICKET ST THOMAS
with Bert Robinson

THE Seniors held their April individual stableford competition on Monday and the fine weather attracted a field of 55.

Result: Div 1 - 1st David Murgidge (36), 2nd John Wandless (36), 3rd Peter Spencer-Farr (36).
Div 2: 1st Nick Clarke (38), 2nd Alan Davis (35), 3rd Ron Sutherland (34).

A fine spring day last Wednesday attracted 42 players for the Yellow Ball Bowmaker competition.

Most of the fourteen teams managed scores of 100+ with the yellow ball scoring double.

Result: 1st (ocb) Frank Martin; Trevor Dobson & James Siabi 117 points, 2nd Ian Housham; Mick Aldridge & Stuart Forbes 117, 3rd Barrie Heath; Bob White & Richard Hall 114.

On Thursday the Seniors' match team were beaten 4-2 at WHEATHILL.

Results: Alan Chance & Bob Barrow lost by 1 hole, George Wallace & Alan Davis lost 4&2, John Wandless & Roger Davis lost 2&1, Chris Gingell & Nobby Hodder halved, Ian Fielder & Andy Beale won 2&1, Stuart Pope & Barrie Singleton halved. The Seniors wrapped up the week with a Canadian Greensomes competition with an entry of 26 pairs.

Result: 1st Keith Branchflower & Nick George 65.00, 2nd Nick Clarke & James Siabi 68.50, 3rd

Chris Basterfield & Frank Martin 70.70.

HONITON with John Pawley

THE Tuesday Mixed last week played a Treble Six, with the first six holes played as a better ball, the next six as a greensomes and the final six as a foursomes.

Sue Williams & Ron Graham were victorious with 37 points, followed by Sarah Dawe & Bob Barnes with 34. In third place, with 32 were Hilda Hoepelman & Laurie Tollemache. The final prize was taken by Andrea Squire & John Northover (30) on count-back.

Last Wednesday the Ladies played a 14-hole Bring and Win fun competition. The format was 3BBB Stableford with two scores to count. Some good scores were posted despite the mixed variety of greens presented by the work of the green staff.

The winners were Pam Knibb, Ann Trayling & Gill Johnson with 66 points followed by Sue Ritchie, Anne Davies & Linda McLaughlin (63) and Chris Pearce, Lesley Farley & Jan Lloyd (61).

Afterwards there was a Spring Fair organised by Elizabeth Ward where £102 was raised for the Trip and Honiton Dementia Alliance.

Glorious sunshine continued on Friday, and brought a hole-in-one!

Alex Neil has won two competitions and been cut a stroke in recent weeks - and now he has a hole in one! Playing in the annual Seniors Capt v Vice Captain match he holed tee shot on the 10th.

The match result was a draw with Mike Jones carding a two on the shortened 11th and Paul Ritchie, Tom Tunnicliffe and Roger Matthews on the 2nd.

On Saturday 60 members competed for the Founders Day trophy. The format is a 4BBB with two to score playing to ¼ of their handicap. The winning quartet was Paul Knight, Darren Moore, Olwen Eaton & Gary Stevenson with 83 points.

On Sunday the concluding matches of the Sun am competition were played. In the final Dave Mitchell & Paul Vaughan beat Julian Bacon & Ian Piper with the last putt on the last green. I

n the Plate competition the winners with 44 points were James Spiller & Jason Lovering with Lewis Couch & Elliot Dyer next on 43. Third, on count-back, were Ryan and Gary Sellick with 42 pts. John Fleetwood and Julian Bacon both recorded two - and for the second day running there was a hole-in-one at the 10th, this time Jason Lovering scoring five points and taking the honours.

The Dartmoor League team went down 3½-1½ at Okehampton in their opening game in the

higher division.

AXE CLIFF with Peter Motson

THE recent Ladies Centenary competition had to be abandoned at the 11th hole due to thick fog and will be rearranged at a later date.

But the Ladies Devon League team got their season off to a good start in beating TEIGN VALLEY 5-1. The Reserves team was also victorious which led to a 10-point haul with three for Teign Valley.

The Seniors played a Yellow Ball Competition in teams of three with each individual player taking it in turn to play six holes using the yellow ball over 18 holes.

Only the best two scores count and the yellow ball score is doubled. Malcolm Glass (hc20), Mike Jamieson (26) & Pete Motson (h27) emerged as winners with 109 points. Rob Grove (18), Gilbert Cox (19) & Chris Walker (15) were second with 106.

Third place was decided on countback with N. Garwood (16), A. Bishop (23) & R. Orsman (24) just edging out N. Moorcraft (18), B. Cook (23) & B. Thompson (12) after both teams finished on 104.

At least three teams lost their yellow balls which spells instant elimination. Sid pember carded the two.

The Seniors section had a very good turnout with some 40 members playing in the Captain's

Charity Bowl competition. There was a close finish with the winner Adrian Bishop carding 37 points. He was closely followed by Neil Moorcraft (36) and Mike Jamieson (35).

All the players came in to a lovely buffet provided by Linda and her team in the clubhouse. The food and drinks were a wonderful free gesture from long standing member Charles Winterbourn to celebrate his 90th birthday.

Charles was paired with captain Dave Bruce and they both kept a close watch on each others ball. The combined ages of this last group of four was 312 years.

The Mens section recently played their Winter League round 10, format medal, this was the final round in this series.

In 1st place was Anthony Hellier with a net 67, followed by (on back 9 countback) Tom Spencer (68) and Stuart Mackie (68). Mackie was the worthy overall winner of this series. Alan Kenworthy, Neil Jones, and Anthony Hellier all recorded 2s.

Craig Tivett won the Division One April Medal with a net 67 in second was Paul Clode (71).

Jason Farrant won Division Two with a net 70. In 2nd place (on back nine) was Tom Spencer (71). Andrew Hellier, Paul Clode and Craig Tivett (2) all carded 2s.

The ladies played BIGBURY

away in the Devon League last Tuesday when all the Axe Cliff ladies received shots.

Despite losing the match 3½-2½ away points count and Axe Cliff scored 7½ to Bigbury's 7 points.

Last Wednesday brought the CAPTAINS V SECRETARY competition. With four couples in the Clubhouse all square the result all rested on the final match and it was a win for the Secretary Di Roger's team. Wins for the Captains came from, Jo Donmall and Janet Dack and for the winning team - Sandra Walker, Anne Jarvis and Glenda Board.

The first fixture of the Sheelah Creasy competition was held on Friday when Axe Cliff Ladies defeated TIVERTON 4-3.

The Seniors section defeated visitors LONG Sutton 5½ to a ½.



■ PUT IT THERE: Charles Whitbourne (left) and Seniors' Captain Dave Bruce.

on the frontier around the local skittles leagues

COLYTON

Div 1; Vine B 334 (D Blackmore) 60 Seaton FC A 367 (M Pavey 67); Lamb A 315 (S Pomeroy 56) Gerrard A 327 (T Underdown 62); Axminster Con A 369 (S Moore 68) Tuckers Arms B 370 (D Coombes 75); Red Lion A 389 (Jo Flint 74) New Inn A 348 (R Webb 66); Colcombe A 435 (S Parsons 82) Red Lion Cavaliers 449 (W Phillips 88); Cloakham B 383 (P Garner 74) Lamb B 347 (M Pidgeon 76); Honiton Con D 375 (M Wakley 70); Colyton Club A 365 (P Clode, R Tedbury 67);

Div 2; Honiton WMC A 3337 (G Richards 61) Vine A 340 (C Maher 67); Gerrard B 358 (C Trivett 64) Eagle Tavern 369 (B Hutchings 74); Kings Arms Beers 322 (M Archibold 61) Ship C 360 (N Ostler 78); Offwell A 360 (I Bell 64) Sidbury Stones B 372 (N Hill 72); Dolphin Vikings 366 (A Parkhouse 67) Tuckers A 351 (J Gosling 64); Volunteer A 3332 (M Gillard 65) Wheelwright A 310 (P Hammett 57); Honiton Converts 378 (D Hedditch 72) Colcombe Beerboys 400 (N Hales 78);

Div 3; Red Lion Sidbury 351 (P Warren 69) Volunteer B 335 (D Gigg, Chris Watson 62); Mountbatten Vine A 350 (J Pearce 68) Colcombe B 337 (V Wood 70); Vine Nomads 352 (P Norrman 67) Cloakham Wanderers 325 (A Arnold 61); Ship A 379 (N Widge 81) Honiton WMC A 3332 (M Gillard 65) Wheelwright A 310 (P Hammett 57); Honiton Converts 378 (D Hedditch 72) Colcombe Beerboys 400 (N Hales 78);

Div 4; Heathfield A 373 (M Phillips 80) Kings Arms A 363 (K Tozer 72); New Inn B 326 (A France 67) Honiton Con Artists 308 (Debbie Soan 59); Rising Sun B 333 (M Clode 64) Honiton WMC

B 345 (J Smith 68); Seaton FC B 343 (D Park 66) Rising Sun A 356 (A Baldwin 65); Axminster Inn A 309 (S Palmer 55) Honiton Con A 314 (T Bennet 63);		
Div 5; Colyton Club B 365 (T Neale 70) Honiton Con Raiders 295 (T Foster 53); White Hart A 331 (R Hallworth 57) Dolphin B 315 (L Matheson, E Westlake 63); Tuckers Arms D 334 (D Bennett 71) Sidmouth Arms Kings 341 (G Bass 62); Kingfisher B 290 (B Dowell 59) Heathfield B 292 (Gill Quick 56); Colcombe Nomads 374 (Michelle Wills 73) Offwell B 374 (L Stubbs 72).		

Division One	Pld	Pts
Axe Con A	24	31
New Inn A	24	30
Gerrard A	24	30
Red Lion Cavs	24	30
Honiton Con D	24	29
Lamb B	24	26
Seaton AFC A	24	26
Tuckers B	24	25
Vine B	24	22
Colyton Club A	24	21
Red Lion A	24	21
Colcombe A	24	16
Cloakham B	24	13
Lamb A	24	13

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Volunteer A	24	33
Offwell A	24	32
Sidbury SC Stones	24	30
Vine A	25	30
Ship C	24	27
Honiton Converts	24	24
Gerrard B	24	25
Wheelwright A	24	23
Dolphin Vikings	24	22
Honiton WMC A	24	21
Eagle Tavern	24	20
Tuckers Arms A	24	19
Colcombe Beerboys	24	17
Kings Arms Beers	24	14

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Vine Nomads	20	27
Sidbury Village Inn	21	27
Wilington Harts	20	22
Red Lion Sidbury	20	21
Kingfisher A	20	20

Cloakham Wanderers	21	20
Volunteer B	21	20
White Hart B	21	19
Mountbatten Whites	20	18
Ship A	19	16
Colcombe B	20	16
Three Tuns BTP	19	15

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Rising Sun A	20	33
Heathfield A	20	26
Kings Arms A	20	26
Axe Inn A	20	25
Honiton Con A	20	19
Seaton AFC B	20	18
New Inn B	21	18
Honiton WMC B	21	17
Honiton Con Artists	20	16
Winstons	20	16
Rising Sun B	21	16
Tuckers Arms C	21	13

Division Five	Pld	Pts
Colcombe Nomads	22	40
Colyton Club B	20	36
Offwell Rejects	21	26
Seaton Bowling	21	26
Sidmouth Arms Kings	20	22
White Hart A	20	20
Winstons Koots	20	18
Dolphin B	20	16
Kingfisher B	20	16
Heathfield B	20	12
Honiton Con Raiders	20	6
Tuckers Arms D	20	6

AXMINSTER
Ellis Shield Final (at New Inn); Wootton Cowboys 292 (R Hedditch 56) B&Gs 329 (M Enticott 63).

Mens League
Div 1; Green Army 374 (R Chapple 74) Thorncombe Drifters 342 (L Read 59), Lamb Spartans 336 (S Dickson 66) Tuckers C 299 (N Ball 60), Red Devils 405 (J Herbert 78) Wootton Cowboys 396 (P Chapman, R Hedditch 69), Thorncombe B 352 (M Boulton 66) Red Lion D 362 (J Hoole 70), Gerrard D 351 (J Parkhouse 65) Sidmouth Arms 358 (N Parris 62), Kingfisher Feds 302 (P Squire 55) Ax Con Rebels 325 (W Phillips 61), Old Inn Kilm A 380 (M Collier 69) B&Gs 357

(P Garner, B Pring 63).		
Div 2; WH Wilm A 392 (K Moran 84) Ax Inn Jokers 355 (L Ellis 64), Colcombe A 434 (F Batten 84) Thorncombe A 438 (N Hawker 80), Wootton Sherberts 321 (N Chapman 61) WH Warriors 307 (N Stone 63), Tuckers Maggots 352 (D Godwin 65) Lamb A 333 (N Jones 63), Thorncombe C 362 (T Ellis 67) New Inn C 344 (A Dawe 64), New Inn A 338 (A Rees 60) Cloakham Stars 307 (D Baker 61).		

Div 3; Kings Arms Seaton 361 (J McCabe 70) Ax Inn B 330 (R Bebb 65), 72 FC IV 382 (S Herrod 72) King Wingers 405 (W Curnoe 76), Ax FC Halfcuts 436 (N Herrod 94) Colcombe B 405 (M Loud 73), Gerrard B 361 (A Dymond, R Satterley 64) Ax FC B 332 (R Smith 60), Ax Inn A 349 (R Highway, T Pratt 64) Old Inn Kilm B 303 (P Guy, D Lavender 52), Ax Con A 334 (S Hawkins 70) WH Wilm B 292 (S Herin, A Fensome 54).		
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Div 4; Lamb Shanks 305 (M Pritchard 58) Tuckers Y 297 (L Burrough 60), Kingfisher A 273 (J Skelton 53) Seaton BC 288 (P Grigg 53), Ship Rotary 374 (N Smy 70) Lamb 49rs 355.

Division One	Pld	Pts
Ax Con Club Rebels	25	40
Lamb Spartans	25	36
Sidmouth Arms	25	32
B & Gs	25	31
Wootton Cowboys	25	28
Tuckers C	25	26
Green Army	25	26
Red Lion Red Devils	25	24
The Peds (Kingfisher)	25	24
Thorncombe B	25	22
Thorncombe Drifters	25	19
Red Lion D	25	16
Old Inn Kilmingston A	25	14
Gerrard D	25	12

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Thorncombe A	25	38
Wootton Sherberts	25	36
New Inn Kilmingston C	25	28
Axe Inn Jokers	25	28

Thorncombe C	24	28
Colcombe A	25	28
Tuckers Maggots	25	28
Red Lion C	25	26
White Hart Wilm A	25	22
White Hart Warriors	25	21
New Inn Kilm A	25	20
Gerrard A	24	18
Cloakham Stars	25	14
Lamb A	25	11

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Axminster Inn B	23	30
Gerrard B	23	30
King Wingers	23	28
Axe Con Club A	23	28
Axminster FC IV	23	26
Kings Arms Seaton A	23	24
Old Inn Kilmingston B	23	24
Axminster Halfcuts	23	22
White Hart Wilm B	23	22
Axminster Inn A	23	19
Axminster FC A	23	18
Axminster FC B	23	14
Colcombe B	23	13

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Lamb 49s	23	37
Colcombe Nomads	23	30
Lamb Shanks	23	28
Seaton Bowling Club	20	26
New Inn Hawks	22	22
Winston Wobblers	21	20
Ship Rotary	21	19
Bev's Boys	19	18
Kingfisher A	22	18
Gerrard C	20	14
Tuckers Y	21	14
Bottle Inn (Withdrawn)	11	8
White Hart Colyford	18	8

Ladies League

Div 1; Gerrard Guzzlers 323 (M Smith 57) Red Lion A 334 (J Flint 67), Colcombe Girls 335 (C Targett, A Wren 60) New Inn A 331 (H Hopewell 69), Bees Knees 346 (K Lloyd-Hughes 64) Wotnots 341 (A Williams, C Phillips 59), New Inn B 277 (P Clark 53) Seaton BC 272 (B Thompson 55), Ax Inn A 328 (R Crichtard, J Palmer, C Banner, S Gage 56) Rousdon Ladies 280 (K Satterley, G Gabb 55).
Div 2; WH Wilm A 318 (H Hible, J Bishop 59) Colcombe B 308 (S Wilton 57), Seaton FC 310 (L Smitham 60) Cloakham A 333 (A Ellis, D Harrison 62), AxFC

Battleaxes 353 (S Bennett 67) Tuckers A 332 (A Long 60), Tuckers B 330 (S Cooper, C Cole 63) Thorncombe A 311 (B Harding, Kim Gaylard 59), B&Js Cloakham 373 (J White 77) Colcombe Angels 306 (C Packman 61), Red Lion Rabble 299 (G Hall 67) Ax Inn Allsorts 301 (D Sanger 57).		
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Ladies Division One	Pld	Pts
Axe Inn A	21	36
Wotnots	21	32
Red Lion A	21	28
Seaton Bowling Club	21	28
Rousdon Ladies	22	23
Colcombe A	21	22
Colcombe Girls	21	17
New Inn A	21	16
New Inn B	21	16
Bees Knees	22	15
Gerrard Guzzlers	21	13
Thorncombe Newtops	21	8

Ladies Division Two	Pld	Pts
Cloakham A	23	34
Tuckers Arms B	23	32
B & Js	23	28
Gerrard A	23	28
Battle Axes	23	27
Colcombe B	23	24
White Hart Wilm A	24	24
Seaton FC	23	23
Tuckers Arms A	23	20
Thorncombe A	23	19
Colcombe Angels	23	17
Axe Inn Allsorts	23	14
Red Lion Rabble	23	10

Crewkerne & District Divisional Cups

Division One: Lost Boyss 266 Super Sexy Six 241, Royal Oak Drimpton 198 Coachmen 220.
Division Two: fryers 232 Muppets 252, Rugrats 272 Ugly Ducklings 285.
Division Three: Admiral 6 280 Royal Chokers 249, Willy Low Flyers 273 Kings men 233.

Cup Final details
(Matches to be played on May 5th):
Division One - Lost Boys v

Coachmen (at Conservative Club).
Division Two - Ugly Ducklings v Muppets (at King William).
Division Three - Admiral 6 v Willy Low Flyers (at GRC - middle).

President's Cup Final - Super Sexy Six v Sports 92 (at the Globe - April 28th).
President's Plate Final - Football Club v Asmiral 6 (at the Roaly Oak, Crewkerne - April 28th).

EAST DEVON HUNT

Division One	Pld	Pts
Marvels	24	34
Culm Vale	24	32
Ur Arns	22	26
Blacksmiths	23	26
Honiton Clyst	23	26
Talaton	23	26
Sutton Wanderers	23	24
Foxenhole	24	24
Night Owls	24	23
Auctioneers	24	21
Stags	24	20
Marsh Green	25	20
Sidford	20	12
Upottery	22	10

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Jack's Lads	22	30
Latecomers	22	30
Perkins Village	22	29
Keepers	22	28
Zulu Warriors	22	27
A Team	22	26
Cocks & Hens	22	22
Top Cats	21	19
Tuckers Arms	21	19
Breakaways	22	19
Awilscombe Shoot	21	17
Brooksidiers	22	12
Bakers 8	22	6

starter's orders running news

Phew! Local runners toil in sun kissed weekend

Axe Valley Runners
with Dave Mutter

THE new summer route at SEATON PARKRUN includes a beach start and about 30m extra pebble running so all the more impressive that there were four AVRs who achieved new PBs this week: Chris Hill (24:55), Suzy Eul-Brown (27:30), Diane Newton (32:25) 1st W65-69 and Mike Venn (32:45) 1st M75-79. First to finish in his first parkrun was James Green in 17:24.

Meanwhile Carol Austin took the opportunity for some parkrun tourism at HOVE PROMENADE PARKRUN and was pleased to finish in 22:58 (78% age grade) and first W55-59.

David Cooke contested his first proper 400m for 10 years at the YEOVIL OLYMPIADS OPEN, recording 71.20s (V60).

Nearly 50 members ran in the SENIOR APRIL HANDICAP that was won by Dave Mutter in 32:02, just pipping Ian Clements, 25:36 with David Cooke 3rd, 27:03; Kelly Stamp (who ran all the Exe to Axe the day before) 4th, 27:01 and Fran Hodson 5th, 26:12. David Cooke leads the rankings with 82 points with Kelly Stamp 2nd, 78 and Fran Hodson 3rd, 64.

Roger Bramley ran in the recent ROME MARATHON when torrential rain and thunderstorms presented a challenge, but Roger negotiated the wet cobbled streets to finish in 3:55:20, 5,398th out of 13,375 finishers.

There was a strong turnout of 18 Axe Valley Runners in the annual EXE TO THE AXE race along 22 miles of the coastal path on. The race, which started in Exmouth, was very well organised by Sidmouth Running Club and the new finish by Axmouth Yacht Club in Seaton proved a successful meeting place for the 222 runners.

Matt Clist was the first AVR home in 3:19:05 (10th overall). Chris Perry was second AVR home in 3:28:19 (20th overall) and also won the trophy for first M40. Eleanor Wood was the first AVR woman home in 4:05:30 (72nd overall) and won a trophy for the first W60. Following hot on her heels were Simon Davey 77th, Stephen Grigg 78th, Justin Soman 86th, Tim Sibley 92nd and Kelly Stamp 128th.

AVR also fielded three relay teams who came in fourth, fifth and eighth of the nine teams. The *Devon Dollop* team of Ian Hemmings, Kevin Feeney, Sarah Shepley & Susie Harris, just pipped fifth placed, *Boon Time* of Carol Austin, Alex Boon & Janet Woodward by 17 seconds. AVRs' *Bags of Time* of Amy Catley, Sarah Herfet, Georgia Dommett & Rob Kerr finished eighth.

There was a bumper contingent of AVR's at the HONITON HIPPO on Sunday. The race is advertised as being a tough multi-terrain race with seven miles of 'mud, sweat and tears' and it certainly didn't fail to deliver again this year in the April heat.

First home in the main race was AVR's Jake Smith who smashed the course record finishing in 47:25. Tim Lenton was 3rd overall and first M40 in 52:45, followed by Chris Perry 6th in 54:55. Matt Hewer was next in for AVR, 11th in 56:53; Karl Hodson 14th, 58:10; Chris Keefe 24th, 1:02:37 and Jon Day 30th, 1:04:13.

The first AVR lady home was Eleanor Wood 42nd in 1:06:17 (1st FV55), followed by Mike Clark 43rd, 1:06:34; Simon Davey 45th, 1:06:57; Karen Eyre 52nd, 1:08:19 (1st FV45); Fran Hodson 62nd, 1:11:07 (1st FV35); Sue Hayes 64th, 1:11:42; Molly Smith 65th, 1:11:47; Tony Smith 66th, 1:11:47; Andy Sayers 91st, 1:18:27; Georgia Dommett 93rd, 1:18:43; Anders Larsson 103rd, 1:21:20; Laura Kerr 129th, 1:29:18; Steven Lewis 130th, 1:29:29; Amy Catley 184th, 1:40:59; Samantha Toozee 186th, 1:41:31; Bec Davey 187th, 1:41:32; Emma Grigg 188th, 1:41:33; Rachel Grant 189th, 1:41:48; Gill Day 194th, 1:42:58 and Emma Richardson 195th, 1:43:12. There were 234 finishers overall.

In the shorter Hippo Calf, Caitlin Smith was the first AVR runner home and first girl, 3rd overall in 11:45. Tom Perry was just behind in 4th spot (3rd boy) in 12:03, Harry McMahon 14th, 13:29 and Ben Perry 17th, 13:43. There were 53 finishers.

Chard RR with Paul Masters
CRR's took on the TAUNTON HALF

MARATHON. Wayne Loveridge crossed the line in 01:15:25 6/1000, Kenny Timson 01:22:57 PB 28th, Martin Holley 01:27:49 PB 54th, Andrew Leeson 01:28:46 67th, Nina Wagstaff 3rd in Cat 01:30:01 82nd, James Wagstaff 01:35:02 122nd Ryan Hebron-Wheatley 01:38:34 157th, Jamie Gibbons 01:39:43 184th, Adrian Male 01:40:21 185th, Stevie Potter 01:40:28 187th, Darren Murphy 01:54:07 412th, Neil Adams 01:56:53 457th, James Musselwhite 01:58:16 508th, Emma Male 01:59:46 526th, Helen Baxter 02:23:11 830th, Mel Boarder 02:26:14 848th, Liz Smith 02:29:19 880th, Miranda Coleberd 02:36:41 914th.

Honiton RC with Judy Davey

LAST Sunday, Honiton Running Club held its HIPPO and HIPPO CALF in the hottest weather conditions the race has experienced in its history.

This race is just over seven miles long and involves plenty of variety.

The race was won by Jake Smith of Axe Valley Runners in 47 minutes 25 and the first lady home was Emma Sharples of South West Road Runners who finished in 57:16.

Many Honiton RC members were involved in helping or marshalling but quite a few took part with the first back being Will Daly who came 16th in 59:12. Sherrie Hair was the first lady HRC runner finishing 25th in 1:02:43.

Other Honiton finishers were: 47th Hadleigh Davies 1:07:40, 54th Stephen

Boyes 1:09:11, 55th Jo Davey 1:09:28, 58th Sam Pollard 1:09:59, 83rd Nicola Greenland 1:16:16, 96th Shane Hudd 1:19:05, 110th Lex Turnham 1:25:02, 117th Katherine Tomkins 1:26:04, 127th Michela Hudd 1:28:08, 133rd Carol Turnham 1:30:38, 146th Vanessa Knowles, Michelle Selley and Anna Dalzell all 1:33:28, 153rd Teresa Pollard 1:34:12 and 166th Geri Terry 1:36:58. There were 233 finishers.

The Calf is open to youngsters of nine years and over and is approximately 1¼ miles in length. HRC's George Tomkins won it in 11:05 and Axe Valley Runners' Caitlin Smith was first girl back in 3rd place overall in 11:45. HRC's Jemima Daly was 3rd girl home. There were 52 finishers. The first primary school team home was Uptottery.

Meanwhile, Honiton Running Club members recently took on the 21-mile EXE TO AXE race which takes runners from Exmouth sea front through Budleigh Salterton, Sidmouth, Branscombe and finishes in Seaton.

Alasdair Moffett led HRC home to come 19th in 3 hours 26 minutes and he was followed by Steve Davey who came 47th in 3:49. Paula Ferris was the first of the HRC ladies back coming 129th in 4:38. Richard Terry came next 132nd in 4:43 and Tim Wigram followed soon after coming 137th in 4:45. Clare Melbourne came 169th in 5:07 while Sharon Wells came 176th in 5:12.

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Premier Division Pld	Pts
High 4 & a Half	273
Rejects Return	240
Wanderers	184
BDBs	162
Crusaders	176
Hobnobs	162
Hopetuls	123
Happy Sharks	120
Most 180s: L.Cox 10,	
P.Lawrence 9, G.Hill 6, S.	
Mainwaring 4, S.Rutter 3,	
K.Spurdle & L.Roper 3, eight	
players 2, 12 players 1.	

Division One Pld	Pts
Okey Doaks	189
Random Tossers	171
Pop Darts	165
Down's	154
PAs	147

Pig Jockeys	15	135
Cult of Personality	15	127
Pirates	16	120
Nice Ricks	15	104
Most 180s: A.Sharp 4,		
S.Castle, S.Davis & M.Bal-		
lance all 2, 16 players x1.		

Division Two	Pld	Pts
HRT	13	164
Madhouse Crew	14	163
Stumpy's Gang	13	148
Happy Days	14	142
Dizzy Tarts	13	135
The Haymaker	13	94
No skill, just lucky	13	86
Two minute crew	13	83
Most 180s: D.Meers 2,		
A.Pidgeon, A.Mather,		
B.Allen, R.Davies A.Sprake		
& K.Tovey all x1.		

snooker seaton & district

TC's target runners up spot

RESULTS (April 4th)	
Chard Casuals 3+2	
Colyton TC 3+0, Honiton	
WMC 0+0 Colyton	
Feds 6+0, Sidmouth	
Cons 0+0 Honiton	
Wonderers 6+0.	
Colyton Feds won all	
six frames at Honiton,	
but they still did not	
gain any ground on	
Wonderers who are	

champions for another season.

The battle for the runners-up spot in both the league and the Bruce Miller Cup is much more interesting, for the favourites for the league spot being Colyton TC whilst for the cup it is probably Chard Casuals

League table	Pld	Pts
Wonderers (C)	17	94
Colyton TC	16	50
Colyton Feds	16	44
Chard Casuals	16	43
Colyton ExCons	16	38
Sidmouth Cons	17	33
Honiton WMC	16	29

Bruce Miller Cup Pld	Pts
Wonderers17	94
Chard Casuals16	77
Sidmouth Cons17	75
Honiton WMC16	57
Colyton TC16	56
Colyton Feds16	56
Colyton ExCons16	46

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RESULTS

KO Cup Semi-Finals; (agg score) Honiton Inn B (2+7) 9 New Fountain (6+1) 7, Vine Inn B (2+5) 7 Vine Inn A (6+3) 9.

Dan Downs Plate Semi-Finals; Feniton Soc B 11 Workingmens A 13, Workingmens B 12 Blacksmith Arms 13.

Fixtures

April 13th: Doubles Competition to be held at the Vine Inn (7.30pm start).

April 20th: KO Cup Final first leg - Honiton Inn B v Vine Inn A (at the Vine Inn).

Dan Down Plate Final - Blacksmiths Arms v Workingmens Club A.

April 27th: KO Cup Final second leg - Vine Inn A v Honiton Inn B.

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Traffic hold up causes fixture headache

Okehampton P-P Chard
South West One

WITH a large crowd looking forward to this game and both teams ready for action the match had to be called off because traffic issues caused by a major incident on the M5 prevented the referee from getting to the ground.

In theory the game should now be played next Saturday.

But this would be very problematic for Okehampton because of an already arranged big junior tournament at the club on that day and the Clubs 1st xv are due to play a big Devon cup match on the Sunday.

Chard await a ruling from the SWRFU. Information will be on the club website as soon as a decision is made.

Chard 2nd xv 49
Yeovil 2nd xv 5

Somerset Two South

LAST Wednesday night's game attracted a crowd of over 200 and, despite the score line the game was

much closer than it looks.

The main difference was that Chard scored virtually every time they had an opportunity and young fullback Cam Helliard had a dream evening converting all seven tries scored by Chard.

Chard were much the better side in the first half but Yeovil matched them in the second period and scored a deserved try when Shaun Fellows went over.

Jack Elliot scored Chard's only second half try. Billy Biss, skipper Billy Brookes, hooker Joel Nicholls were among the Chard try scorers in the opening half.

Chard Colts 29 Taunton 37

Somerset League

LEAGUE leaders Taunton clinched the league title but not before they were given a fright by the home team who scored in the opening minute when Niall Crouch crashed over.

Taunton pulled things back with a penalty goal and two tries one of which was converted.

Chard got a second try when Emile Szdelko scored in the corner and Crouch converted.

Taunton then got another converted score and led 12-22 at the break.

Alex Hill scored a fine third try for Chard when he finished off a fantastic team move. Two more tries from Ben Fenton and then Joe Mainwaring completed the scoring for Chard but on the night Taunton were the stronger team and further scores gave them victory by 29-37.

Chard 3rd 5 Yatton 3rd 32

Somerset Div Three South

YATTON were able to bolster their 3rd xv with quite a few of their colts squad.

This pacy, but raw, talent would prove be decisive, particularly on the hottest day of the year, against a Chard side who had already lost some of its players to the 2nd xv.

Chard started well enough but Yatton were first on the score sheet with a converted try and a penalty goal.

Another converted try before the interval put Yatton 17-0 ahead at the interval.

Chard soon conceded another converted try before getting on the scoreboard themselves when centre Matt Ousley went over for a good try.

Yatton got two more tries to seal a comfortable win.

Their young players will no doubt be playing at a suitable level next year and will leave this division to be contested by genuine third teams.

Two late red cards -one for each team - were handed out in the dying minutes which rather spoil the afternoon.

This was the final game of the season for the 3rd xv who finished 3rd in the table.

The team deserve credit for fulfilling every game and with an average age of 40+ showed that age is no barrier if you want to play.

Chard vets entertain Crewkerne vets at 3pm on Saturday on the main pitch.

jack high bowls news and round-up

Chard up and rolling

CHARD with Peter Avery

CHARD SMB played a friendly against CREWKERNE last week and won one of the four games but went down 51-30 overall.

Details: Dot Ducker, Rosie Barnard & Roy Vaux 11-10; Margaret Flynn, Vic Barnard & Bill Hucker 9-14; Sheila Tinley, Gillian Leighton & Roy Vaux 8-11; Jenny Cornelius, Phil Stringer & Ena Stringer 2-16.

Chard opened its outdoor green last Saturday in bright sunshine when 27 bowlers took part in the early season challenge of trying to reach the jack. David Lawrence won the traditional 'spider', Vic Barnard had the best score among the men and Kay Avery was the leading lady while wooden spoons were presented to John Fenwick and Lynn Beale. Our first fixture is a home game against Wellington on April 23rd.

South Petherton with Bob Dickie
SOUTH Petherton Bowling Club recently held their annual Short Mat Finals Day that marked the end of the short mat season.

Winners of the Pairs Trophy where Sandra Dickie & Keith Bunkin and the singles champion was Short Mat Captain Don Reed beating Sue Donovan into second place. Winner of the Singles Plate was Sandra Dickie.

The Short Mat Finals Day marked the end of the winter season and heralds the beginning of the summer programme with the club's official "Opening of the Green" taking place on Saturday, April 22nd at 2pm.

Anyone interested in finding out more about Lawn Bowls is welcome to come along or they can attend any of the free open evenings being held on Wednesday, May 3rd at 6pm. Bring a pair of flat soled shoes or



■ TOP TWO: Sandra Dickie and Keith Bunkin (centre) receive the Pairs Trophy at South Petherton's Short Mat Finals Day.

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■ **WINNERS:** The 16-team mixed fours Snows Toyota Tournament was held at Honiton bowling club on Sunday. This years winners Andrew Walding, Audrey Gibbs, Ray & Carolyn Parker from Bovey Tracey were presented with their prize money by Tony Tooley. A Honiton team of Chris and Berry Maynard, Yvonne Rayner & Trevor Pipe came second. The Honiton club are very grateful for the sponsorship by Snows Toyota.

Two rivers trial ahead



■ **ALL SET:** Honiton Running Club member pictured before the recent 22-mile Exe to Ax race



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